

LATEST

Zhitomir Taken In Russian Drive

LONDON (AP)—Zhitomir, important railway centre in the Ukraine, which had been outanked by Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's 1st Ukrainian Army driving toward the Polish and Rumanian borders, has fallen, Moscow announced tonight.

At the same time the capture of more than 60 places in the drive west of Nevel to the north was announced in a broadcast.

Zhitomir, an ancient city of 50,000 population before the war, lies 70 miles from the border of Poland and 80 miles west of Kiev. It first was recaptured by the Russians Nov. 13.

B.C. Has Most Fuel

British Columbia, the worst off for fuel at this time last year of any province in Canada, is the best off now, E. W. Bourque, Regional Wood Fuel Controller, said today. Victoria has not so much coal, but plenty of wood, he said.

Mills Add Shifts

PORT ALBERT (CP)—Blodell, Stewart and Welch Ltd. today announced plans to increase 1944 output by adding an extra shift in their mill at Great Central Lake Jan. 17, and an extra shift Jan. 10 at their shingle mill at the Port Alberni operations. The two shifts will total 65 to 75 men.

Bones in Ashes

EDMONTON (CP)—Edmonton division of the R.C.M.P. was advised by the Rocky Mountain House detachment that remains of a gun and charred bones were found in a burning strawstack about 11 miles north of Eckville early today. Discovery of the gun and bones was made by Thomas Martin of the Eckville district.

Chinese Triumph

CHUNGKING (AP)—Chinese forces have recaptured more than 10 villages around Owehikow in the Hunan-Hubei border region, thereby restoring the situation in that sector to what it was before the Japanese began their rice area campaign Nov. 2, the Chinese high command announced today.

Allies Gain in Burma

NEW DELHI (CP)—In what appears to have been one of the heaviest ground actions in months on the Burma front, Allied troops advancing east of the Mayu range in western Burma have thrown back strong Japanese counterattacks with heavy enemy casualties, Allied headquarters announced today.

Red Cross Grateful

VANCOUVER (CP)—Hon. E. W. Hamber, president of the B.C. Division of the Red Cross, said today British Columbia has maintained its high record of Red Cross service in 1943 and again stands third in Canada.

Thanking the people of the province for their support, Mr. Hamber also brought a message of thanks from Mr. Justice P. H. Gordon, chairman of the National Red Cross executive.

C.C.F. in Camera

REGINA (CP)—Delegates to the C.C.F. national conference here continued discussions behind closed doors today and no official statement was issued by the press committee on what had transpired during committee sessions Thursday night. Harold Winch, C.C.F. leader in the B.C. Legislature, declared "we have made some progress but we still have a lot of work ahead of us." Three delegates from B.C. are in attendance.

Tonight's the Night

Victoria canteens and hostess clubs are all set for the uniformed boys and girls looking for fun New Year's Eve. Four dances with special orchestras head tonight's program. This is the list of week-end parties:

TONIGHT

Prince Robert House—Dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., with Albert Denoni's orchestra, with New Year's favors and refreshments.
Y.M.C.A. Hut—Dance for servicemen of the district.

Knights of Columbus Hut—Dance with Betty Clare's orchestra, 8.30 p.m.
Hostess Club—Dance at 8.30 p.m., with Hunt's orchestra.

SATURDAY

Canadian Jewish Congress Servicemen's Centre—Dance at 8.30 p.m., pretty hostesses provided.
Prince Robert House—Dance at 8 p.m., with Albert Denoni's orchestra.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Nazi Paris War Plants Bombed

5th Army Troops Stage Big Raid On Italy Coast

By WES GALLAGHER

ALGIERS (AP)—Anglo-American 5th Army troops carried out a large scale raid along the west coast of Italy north of the Gargano River Thursday, and seized the initiative from the Germans along the long stale-mated and water-logged front in that sector, Allied headquarters announced today.

The announcement confirmed at least in part German broadcasts that the Allies had made an amphibious leapfrog attack in that area and had established a bridgehead.

Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's headquarters gave no details of the raid, but it apparently was aimed at junctions controlling the coastal road to Rome over the Pontine Marshes—a highway that since ancient times has been known as the Appian Way.

Berlin broadcasts Thursday claimed the Allies had been prevented from reaching the Appian Way and that the fighting had been localized on the beaches, with heavy casualties for the landing forces. The key city in this battle area is Minturno, slightly inland from the coast.

The attack by the Allies countered a heavy two-day offensive by the German 10th Army in the Gargano sector aimed at the town of Puntelume at the mouth of the river.

TOWN IN RUBBLE

Headquarters gave no additional information about the drive of U.S. troops to San Vittore, last fortified village in the valley leading to Cassino. Bitter fighting has been raging there and the town has been reduced to rubble by Allied artillery, advisers from the front said, but the Germans were dug into wine cellars underlying the town, where it was difficult to reach them with artillery fire.

The communique said action elsewhere on the 5th Army front was confined to patrol activity except for German shelling of Mignano.

CANADIANS ADVANCE

On the 8th Army front the hard-fighting troops of the Canadian 1st Division plunged another mile northward from Ortona, putting their lines at about two miles from the city, and front line dispatches said they had established advanced positions within about nine miles of the vital port of Pescara.

Their drive was concentrated at a German-held emplacement on a hill overlooking the Adriatic Sea near the mouth of the Teseo River and controlling much of the ground over which the advance is being made.

January Liquor To Remain Same; Beer Parlors Cut

January liquor ration will be the same as in December—one 26-oz. bottle of hard liquor, or three dozen pint bottles of beer or ale, or two bottles of imported wine, or one gallon of Canadian wine, W. F. Kennedy, chairman of the Liquor Control Board, announced today.

In 1944, however, permit holders will be able to split their purchases, and will be able to buy twice monthly.

For instance, a person may take a 13-oz. bottle of liquor and one and a half dozen beer at the same time, or the hard liquor one day and the beer later in the month, or a dozen and a half beer and one bottle of sherry, or a half gallon of Canadian wine and a dozen and a half of beer. This he will have a much wider choice than in 1943.

"We are quite pleased with the shape of our stocks," Mr. Kennedy said today. "We are not worried at all about the outlook for 1944—the situation is now well in hand."

Mr. Kennedy said the November and December coupons did a good job and curtailed sales.

Beer parlors in January will have less beer than in November and December, Mr. Kennedy said. Next month they will have only 80 per cent of the beer they had in January two years ago.

The monthly quota in 1944 may vary, the commissioner said, but he does not expect it will be any more than at the present time. There is a possibility it may occasionally drop.

Hitler Gloomy In 1944 Message

LONDON (CP)—Hitler grimly told the German people in a New Year's message today that "in this war there will be no victors and losers, but merely survivors and annihilated."

"We realize that this is a merciless struggle in which the question is 'to be, or not to be,' and therefore must and unfortunately will be countered by us in the same merciless manner," said the message as broadcast from Berlin.

Hitler's cheerless greeting to the home front began with the familiar charge that Germany had the war thrust upon her, and then turned into a hymn of hate against Britain with this twist: Britain has lost her balance of power position and is at the mercy of her Allies. He said Britons had forgotten that only Bolshevism could profit from the war.

"My compatriots, we know the existence of our Germany alone guarantees the existence of Europe," he declared. "Germany's collapse would mean the end of the continent with its 2,500 years of cultural tradition and its replacement of barbarism which

1943 Stepped Up Tempo for 1944



Nazis Say Churchill Now at Aswan

NEW YORK (AP)—The German Transocean news agency in a broadcast of an Ankara dispatch said today that Prime Minister Churchill left Cairo Tuesday for Aswan, a health resort on the Nile in southern Egypt, where he will stay at the Cataract Hotel.

The report, which lacked confirmation from Allied sources, said Mr. Churchill was accompanied by his wife and his daughter, Sarah, Mrs. Vic Oliver.

only those can imagine who know the Bolshevik east."

He said capitulation had cost the Germans victory in the last war, and added: "This time we shall not fall victims to siren songs such as (President) Wilson sang, for this time our enemies announced their aims prematurely and with brutal frankness."

"It is childish for the British and American press to discover now that it would have been better propaganda to have proclaimed different terms."

Speaking in the face of the gathering threat of Allied invasion, he said that "wherever they land, the Allies will receive an appropriate welcome."

Russians Stream Through Hole In Nazi Lines; Near Bug River

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW (AP)—Russian forces, streaming through the greatest hole yet torn in Nazi defences, have broken into the outer Bug River defences in a driving offensive that has split the routed remnants of Nazi Marshal von Manstein's legions and carried to within 30 miles of the river itself, front line dispatches said today.

The Russian column sweeping toward the Bug, Germany's next line of defence along the southern central front west of the Dniester River, thrust down the Kiev-Zhmerinka railway to open a deep wedge in the reeling Nazi army.

Marshal Vatutin's Russian vanguards were reported within 43 miles of the Polish border and within 90 miles of the Dniester River, which forms Rumania's eastern boundary.

SUPPLIES DWINDLE

With the Warsaw-Smelat railway severed at captured Kazan, only one supply line remained open to the retreating Nazis before the main Odessa-Lwow line southeastward through the Ukraine and the Red Army advance has carried to within 20 miles of the supply link. Cutting of this line would mean that all supplies for Nazi forces in the Dniester bend and west of Kiev would have to move over the Odessa-Lwow railway.

The advance column sweeping southwestward toward the old borders of Poland and Rumania was but 30 miles from the provincial centre of Vinnitsa on the upper Bug River. Vinnitsa lies only 60 miles from the Dniester. The German debacle came just six weeks after Von Manstein's army had been ordered into a counteroffensive, seeking vainly to recapture Kiev and regain control of the Dniester River basin at all costs.

The "rout" of Von Manstein's army—so labelled Thursday night by Premier Stalin in a triumphant order of the day—was hailed as comparable only to the victory of Stalingrad, and was saluted in Moscow with 20 salvos from 224 guns, a tribute reserved only for major successes.

48 MILES FROM POLAND
Other Russian columns were moving through the town of Lugini, 14 miles northwest of Korosten and 43 miles from Poland.

The communique said Gen. Rodion Malinovsky's supporting drive out of Zaporozhe in the Dniester bend to the south, now in its third day, had reached Tomokovka, 22 miles from Nikopol, chief supply source of

manganese ore for the German war machine.

On the northern end of the long front Gen. Ivan Bagration's 1st Baltic Army was closing in on Vitebsk from the north, east and west. Dispatches reported Russian units only a few miles from the centre of the city on one side.

Gambling Dens Reported Wide Open With Big 'Killings'

VANCOUVER—Gamblers, old-timers well known in the big-money joints of the coast, and newcomers from the prairies and east, are making a killing in Vancouver.

These are easy-money days, and sinking \$30,000 in one game only brings a nonchalant "I wouldn't be surprised" from men who are "hep" to the racket, according to revelations in today's press.

Happenings in Vancouver's gambling world, according to published accounts, today rival thrillers in the detective story magazines. Two gamblers from Winnipeg were reported to have got back \$15,100 they had lost in a dice game in a downtown "club." Today it is reported that unable to prove their claim, they had to return the money to the operator.

An aircraft worker complained to police he had been taken for \$300 in a crooked dice game in one of the city's leading hotels.

A well-known professional man lost nearly \$5,000 in a dice game in another gambling joint in the centre of the city.

Police Chief Donald McKay and Superintendent Gordon Grant of the anti-gambling squad have been leading a drive against the operators, but it is explained they are unable to stop the gambling, because they cannot get the co-operation of respectable citizens who are playing the games.

In many of the "clubs" and joints, it is reported that stakes have been reaching the five-figure mark.

Premier On Air

TORONTO (CP)—CBC officials here announced that Prime Minister King will broadcast a New Year's message over the CBC network at 6.30 this evening.

No Times Tomorrow

New Year's Day will be a holiday for this newspaper. The next regular edition will be published Monday.

Battleship York Scored Decisive Hit On Scharnhorst

LONDON (CP)—The British battleship Duke of York scored the long-range, underwater hit on the Nazi battleship Scharnhorst which crippled the 26,000-ton warship and led to her destruction, the Admiralty announced today.

The Admiralty's report, based on further information covering the Dec. 26 Arctic battle, disclosed that two forces of British destroyers attacked the Scharnhorst after the first crippling blow was delivered, and hammered out additional damage which enabled the Duke of York to close in for the kill.

Once within close range, the British battleship's mighty artillery brought the action to a quick end, the account said.

It was learned authoritatively in London that there were only 36 survivors from the Scharnhorst's complement of 1,440 officers and men.

Navy League Over 10,000 Today

Total of new Navy League members went over the 10,000 mark today as Capt. R. W. de Murray's committees completed New Year plans to extend their campaign for 40,000 members.

With Victoria business firms completely organized for the campaign, results are pouring in as real estate men today report 250 new members. Department stores are conducting their own Navy League drive with 200 employees of the Hudson's Bay Company becoming members this week.

Each day sees more than 100 Victorians—fathers, mothers, sisters and friends of the boys in the navy and merchant navy—signing up for membership at headquarters.

Campaign officials announce a change in Navy League headquarters with the opening Monday of their office in the Publicity Bureau, 1109 Government Street. Beginning at 9 o'clock in charge of the drive under Major Harold Brown will be on hand to sign up new members.

New Year's Honors In Late Edition

The King's New Year's honor list, which includes 330 Canadians, among them many Victorians, will be published in a 5 o'clock edition of the Times this afternoon.

A number of civilians, men and women of the navy, army and air force have been honored for notable service during 1943.

Great Armadas Of Planes Keep Up 24-Hour Attack

By W. W. HERCHER

LONDON (CP)—Allied heavy bombers supported by fighters smashed at targets in France today, it was announced, and the Paris radio said bombs had rained in the suburbs of Paris.

Exact nature of the objectives of the daylight assault were not announced as the year-end aerial offensive—which had sent more than 3,000 planes thundering against enemy targets in the previous 24 hours—raged on to a climactic finish.

Allied planes last bombed Paris Sept. 15, striking at the Cam ballbearing works and the Hispano-Suiza and Caudron-Renault airplane and motor works.

Other Allied raids on the Paris region this year were made April 4 when the Renault works were hit, Sept. 3 when the Messerschmitt repair factory was smashed and Sept. 9 when an aircraft engine factory was the target.

Paris was among 36 French towns warned in a BBC broadcast Nov. 17 of impending Allied air attacks.

Nazis' Rocket Coast Steadily Pounded

Later announcement that medium, light and fighter-bombers escorted by swarms of fighters were slamming at the French coast indicated the great formations hammering the so-called "rocket gun coast" and other French targets might equal Thursday's record assault.

The Allied medium and lighter craft attacked unspecified military objectives in northern France, the brief announcement said.

A later Paris radio broadcast said 200 persons were killed and 2,000 injured at Paris.

Paris, administration centre for German occupation authorities, also is a Nazi war production centre. The Renault works on the Seine island at Billancourt is reported to be producing transport vehicles, tanks and airplane engines. Nearby are the Gnome-Rhone works, which turn out airplane engines for the Germans.

The closing raids of 1943 today followed fresh blows Thursday night by R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. Mosquitoes which hit targets in western Germany and northern France, and new minelaying operations, in which not a single Allied plane was lost.

The targets of an estimated 500 R.A.F., United States and R.C.A.F. medium bombers and fighter-bombers Thursday—announced by the officials only as "military objectives in northern France"—possibly were the "rocket-gun" emplacements of the Nazis in the Pas de Calais area.

The daylight operations today were launched in cold fine weather by flocks of medium bombers which returned in an hour.

Another great force went out between Folkestone and Dungeness, heading toward the French coast with numerous squadrons of fighters flying top cover.

Only Light Stabs At England By Nazis

In return the Germans stabbed only lightly at southeast England Thursday night, causing slight damage at one place but no casualties.

The year-end pounding of the Reich began Wednesday night when R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. planes dumped more than 2,000 tons of bombs on Berlin to practically end the rule of that capital as the nerve centre of Germany.

With daylight, and shortly after the Berlin raiders had settled down on their fields, some 1,500 Allied planes—U.S. bombers protected by R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. fighters—struck deep into the Reich against undisclosed targets while another 500 planes, including those from the air arms of Britain, the U.S. and Canada, were lashing at France.

Southeast coast observers reported planes heading out toward France Thursday night.

Twenty-two bombers and 12 fighters in the protecting convey of U.S. R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. and Allied escorts were lost in Thursday's mammoth assault against undisclosed German targets, a communique announced early today. Twenty-three Nazi planes were downed, 11 of them falling to bomber gunners.

Invitation to THE OPERA

Sunday at 7 o'clock you may relax in all the comfort of your own home and enjoy to the full the opera "Carmen." Just tune to CJVI and accept this first of our New Year's entertainments with the compliments and best wishes of

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200 Chemainus Men Now On All Fronts

Nearly 200 members of Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Chemainus, are now in uniform, according to the fifth edition of Chemainus Contact, which is incorporated with the annual V. L. and M. Co. Ltd. issue.

"They have been represented in the actions on Kiska and on Sicily," continues the leading article. "They have nursed the wounded in South Africa. They have bombed Germany and they are patrolling on and over the Atlantic and the Pacific."

"Their comrades at home are carrying on the production of the logs and the lumber so vital to the successful prosecution of the war. Each one is contributing something to the day of victory that will open the way to the time when we can all foregather once more in the pursuits of peace."

Contact part of the annual carries items about men and women of the district now in the forces. Boys overseas have also written describing their new life.

Car Kills Aged Man

REGINA (CP)—Struck by an automobile while crossing 11th Avenue near McIntyre Street Thursday, Inge Strand, 72, Regina, died today. Police were told by the driver he had been partially blinded by the sun.

Restaurant Burns

CALGARY (CP)—Damage of more than \$5,000 was caused by fire which gutted the Club Cafe on 8th Avenue West here, about 200 patrons in the cafe left the building in an orderly manner.

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F.D.R.'s Attempt To Settle Strike Meets New Rebuff

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS

WASHINGTON (AP)— Presidential attempts to arbitrate the United States railroad wage dispute met with rebuff again today, pushing even farther into the future any prospects for return of the government-seized lines to private management.

Insisting they were entitled to a ruling on overtime, independent of every other consideration, the 15 non-operating unions rejected President Roosevelt's proposed basis for arbitrating their wage demands.

A letter in reply to one from the President Thursday said "we do not agree to arbitrate on the basis you propose."

They said the sliding scale of increases of 4 to 10 cents which they have accepted was allowed to correct sub-standard conditions and to preserve wage rate relationships and asserted:

"Certainly sub-standard wages do not depend on rates paid for overtime. To now suggest the possibility that the non-operating employees should directly or indirectly purchase time and one-half after 40 hours by giving up part of the overtime or reducing the measure wage rate adjustments granted by Stabilization Director Vinson would in our opinion be a gross injustice and do violence to the prevailing wage determination policies."

2 AMOUNTS LUMPED

The President had outlined to them the scope of the dispute as he saw it. He lumped together the sliding scale increases and the overtime, but the unions contend the sliding scale increases have been removed from the arena of arbitration by their acceptance of them.

The President said in his letter Thursday the 4 to 10 cents would not be disturbed, but there was no assurance that overtime compensation would not thereby be reduced.

The unions feel they are entitled to 6 cents an hour in lieu of time and one-half after 40 hours a week. This would make total increases graduating from 10 to 16 cents an hour, instead of 4 to 10.

Sister Best Man

TOLEDO, Ore. (AP)—A small item like a manpower shortage didn't halt Seabee Lloyd Dahl's wedding. His bride's sister was best man.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Court Camosun No. 9233, A.O.F., will meet Tuesday, Jan. 4 at 8 p.m.

Holley's Cafe, 622 Fort St., will serve a special turkey dinner on New Year's Day, from 11.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

L.A. F.O.E. Aerie No. 12: Winning baby basket, No. 298.

Musical Art Society, Empress Hotel, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1944, at 8.30 p.m., Chavchavadze, Russian pianist. Tickets at Fletcher Bros. Music Store: \$1.65, \$1.10. Reduction for members: men and women in uniform, 55c.

Nice selection of leather gloves, bags and belts for gifts. McMartin's, 716 Yates.

Result of Christmas drawing, W.A. to 5th B.C. Coast Rgt.: First No. 1407, Ft. Lt. Choldat; Patricia Ray; second No. 2528, Mrs. Pierce, 1989 Crescent Road; third No. 2916, W. Fulton, 1119 Wharf St.

The Wishbone—Douglas and Courtenay, open 11.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. Excellent meals.

Tito, King Peter Send Conflicting Reports On War

LONDON (AP)—The German enemy is trying "with all his strength" to break guerrilla resistance in eastern Bosnia, and has drawn up fresh forces and special landing troops in an attempt to seize islands along the Dalmatian coast still in Partisan hands, a communique broadcast from headquarters of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) said today.

No details were given of the German attack on the islands, but presumably they were making giant efforts to seal off the Adriatic supply route from Italy to the Partisans' "Balkan front."

Nine heavily-guarded German troop and supply trains, most of them operating on the main Zagreb-Belgrade railway line serving northern Croatia and Serbia, have been attacked and eight of them destroyed, the communique said. Many tons of enemy supplies fell into the hands of the Yugoslav Partisans.

STORIES CONFLICT

CAIRO (AP)—The Partisan forces of Marshal Josip Broz have suffered irreparable losses in recent weeks of heavy fighting and 14,000 guerrillas are cut off in the Dinar Alps of northwestern Yugoslavia, a statement from King Peter's Yugoslav government here said today.

"They are deprived of all possible support from the outside and are at present engaged in desperate fighting with their backs to the Dinar Alps," the statement said.

(The statement from King Peter's government, which is opposed to Marshal Broz and his Partisan government, lacked confirmation from other sources. Broz' communique have announced successful resistance to the German invaders and his supporters in London have estimated the Partisans have liberated one-third of Yugoslavia. The royal Yugoslav government frequently has attempted to belittle the efforts of the Partisans.)

6 Ex-Capone Men Given 10 Years; Other Man Gets 7

NEW YORK (AP)—Seven men, described as remnants of the Al Capone mob, were sentenced to long prison terms today on conviction on charges of conspiracy to extort in an attempted million-dollar shakedown of motion picture magnates.

Federal Judge John Bright imposed 10-year imprisonment sentences on the six who were said by the government to be former Capone henchmen. The seventh, Louis Kaufman, Newark, N.J., labor leader, drew a seven-year sentence. All were convicted under an indictment charging conspiracy to extort.

In addition, each of the defendants was fined \$10,000.

Aluminum Plants In U.S. To Be Closed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Several small United States aluminum plants will be closed "within the near future," because of a surplus of the metal, a War Production Board official said.

A. H. Bunker, in charge of W.P.B.'s aluminum and magnesium programs, said that "possibly 15" aluminum pot lines would be closed. Pot lines produce aluminum from alumina. Bunker said the board would make an announcement "within a couple of days." He said no list of plants to be closed had been determined.

Imports from the Shipshaw plant in Canada will continue, Bunker said. These imports, he explained, were contracted for long ago and payment is offset against loans made by this government to finance construction of the Canadian plant.

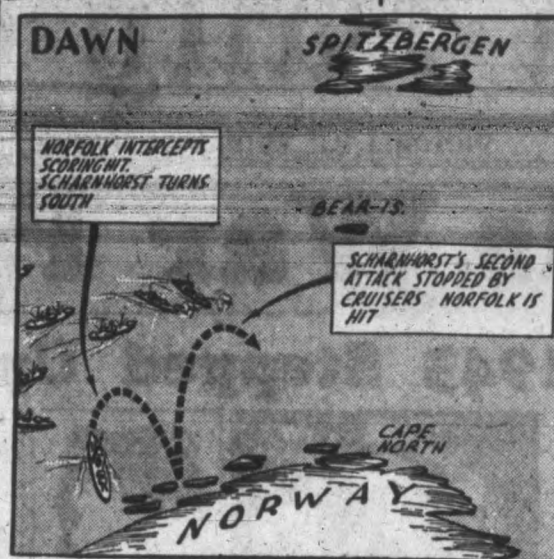
Free Lights in N.S.

HALIFAX (CP)—The Nova Scotia board of public utilities Thursday granted permission to six privately-owned power companies throughout Nova Scotia to "forgive" non-commercial consumers their December electric bills. The action was taken to give consumers the benefit of excess profits that would have been taxed by the federal government on a rising scale up to 100 per cent.

High School Editors Win Congratulations

Anonymous editors of the Colby Hill High School magazine, Doe Dad, received congratulations from the school board for their efforts in the latest issue. "For the success of your school paper, you have our best wishes," wrote school board representatives. "We also expect you will do your best individually and collectively to make your paper worthy of your school."

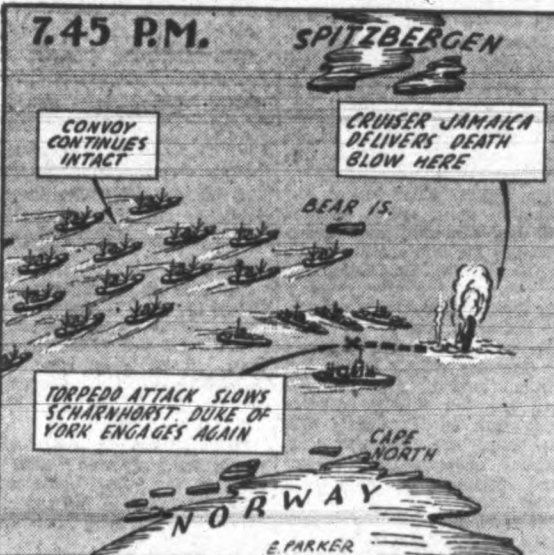
Death of Scharnhorst Depicted



The day-long battle in which the German battleship Scharnhorst was sunk as it tried to attack an Allied convoy bound for Russia is depicted in these sketches. At dawn the cruiser Norfolk intercepted the Scharnhorst as it steamed up the coast of Norway. The battleship was hit, but not seriously damaged, by shells from the Norfolk. The Scharnhorst then turned south only to be harried again by cruisers. At this point the Norfolk was hit but suffered only minor damage.



All through the day British cruisers tracked the Scharnhorst as she vainly tried to escape. Meanwhile the battleship Duke of York was rapidly catching up to the Nazi warship. At 6.15 p.m. the "York" steamed into range and scored a hit on the Scharnhorst with a broadside of 14-inch shells. Crippled by this terrific weight of steel and explosives, the Scharnhorst turned east, but could not throw off the shadowing cruisers and destroyers.



The "kill" came as darkness fell on the fog-bound Polar sea. Destroyers let loose a torpedo attack on the Scharnhorst and she was hit once again. The Duke of York closed in once more, dealt heavy blows to the raider. Finally as the crippled Scharnhorst slowed almost to a stop the cruiser Jamaica edged closer and sent a salvo of torpedoes into the battleship. She sank a few minutes later.

New Drug, Gramacidin, Equalling Penicillin

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—The University of California medical school disclosed today that another so-called wonder drug—gramacidin—is competing with penicillin in spectacular cures.

Dr. Henry Brainerd, clinical instructor in medicine, reported today in a university news bulletin that gramacidin, prepared from soil bacteria by a relatively simple process, owes its healing powers to the same general principle as penicillin.

Describing the drug as cheaper and easier to produce than penicillin, Dr. Brainerd said gramacidin has been used successfully in cases of impetigo, boils, infected wounds, burns, and various types of ulcers with "variable and sometimes very dramatic results."

Says Health Insurance Plan Just Camouflage

SASKATOON (CP)—The proposed national health insurance scheme is "one of the finest bits of camouflage for the protection of the medical profession anyone ever attempted to put over on the people," J. R. Cumming, Saskatoon, secretary of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, declared at a provincial council here Thursday.

"It is easy to see why the medical profession supports the proposed health insurance scheme,"

\$14,000,000 Lock At Soo Big Success

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. (AP)—The great new MacArthur Lock, one of the United States' 1943 production miracles, received official approbation today.

In the first formal report on the new lock's contribution to the speeding of iron ore through the Soo Canal of the Great Lakes, the U.S. Army Engineers' office at Detroit emphasized the magnitude of shipments in the face of weather handicaps.

The MacArthur Lock, named in honor of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Allied commander in the Southwest Pacific, was built at a cost of approximately \$14,000,000 in 13 months and was acclaimed an engineering masterpiece. It operates in conjunction with four older locks in the canal.

A month shorter than the 1942 season, the shipping season just completed nevertheless sent only 9 per cent less iron ore through the Soo, the engineers' office reported. The total was 85,000,000 tons. Twenty-eight per cent more wheat, 76 per cent more of other grains and 21 per cent more soft coal passed through the Soo Locks compared with 1942.

he said. "They wrote the bill. The whole thing would be a grand collection agency for the medical profession."

No More Honors For Civilians Till War Ends

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister King announced today that the New Year's honors list being made public late today is the last for which the government will recommend awards of civility for civilians for the duration of the war.

The government's decision, said Mr. King, does not apply to military awards in the orders of civility, nor to awards for gallantry and meritorious service by members of the armed forces in operations.

It is not the policy of the Canadian government to recommend citizens for honors which carry titles with them, and it was learned here that the ban on governmental recommendation for orders of civility for civilians therefore will apply to those which carry no titles, such as Companions of the Bath, Companions of the Order of St. Michael and St. George; commanders, officers and members of the Order of the British Empire.)

CAREFULLY STUDIED

The decision to withhold recommendation of civilians for such honors had been reached after "careful consideration" by the government. Suggestions for the establishment of a distinctive Canadian order had been a factor in these considerations. It was felt that the present critical stage of the war was not an appropriate time for the review of the circumstances which was considered advisable.

"The government recognizes that the war has called for patriotic and devoted effort on the part of the Canadian in all walks of life and in every part of the country and that there are many men and women throughout Canada who have given inspiring examples of leadership in connection with every phase of the war effort," Mr. King said.

His statement continued: "The allotment of awards available at any one time is naturally limited and is not sufficient to include many who might be regarded as equally deserving of recognition. Moreover, there have been suggestions from time to time of the establishment of a distinctive Canadian order and, in addition, authority was recently given for the establishment of a Canada Medal.

"Suggestions as to suitable recipients have been made from many quarters. The government recognizes that, to avoid the possibility of invidious distinctions, it is necessary that the most careful study should be given by a board or committee specially constituted to consider the whole question of civilian honors."

"An examination of the suggestions would involve considering the respective degrees of significance to be attached to distinctly Canadian orders and decorations in relation to awards in the existing orders."

"The government has reached the conclusion that, while the war is in its critical phase, it would be inexpedient to take up these questions. It has, therefore, decided before further recommendations are made for civilian awards in the orders of civility, to have the situation carefully reviewed with the intention of appropriate action at the end of the war or, in any event, at a later stage in the conflict."

Aklavik Epidemic Of 'Flu Gets Worse

OTTAWA (CP)—Reports of an influenza epidemic which has struck about 90 per cent of the white persons, Eskimos and Indians at Aklavik, N.W.T., have reached the Indian Affairs branch of the Resources Department here, a department spokesman said today.

The population of the post at this time of year probably is about 200, he said. The outbreak began shortly after Christmas, but no deaths have been reported. The post's doctor was among those affected and plans are being made to fly in a doctor from another post if necessary.

A Canadian Pacific Airlines plane is expected to arrive at the post tomorrow with medicine and other needs requested by the post's doctor.

Inquest On 3

MONTREAL (CP)—Police today interviewed witnesses preparatory to Monday's inquest into the slaying of three children in the basement of their west end Hampton Avenue home Thursday.

Meanwhile Mrs. Edna MacLennan, 43, mother of the slain children, and held as a material witness, added nothing to her statement to police Thursday night that she wanted "to save their souls."

Wife of engineer Gordon R. MacLennan of a nearby St. Paul's "Ermite" munitions plant, Mrs. MacLennan was found sitting on a lounge in the front room of her home.

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Preview of 1944 Session; Blackout End an Omen?

RECONSTRUCTION MINISTRY?

Legislative circles here expect that at the forthcoming session of the Legislature a department of reconstruction or rehabilitation may be announced.

The government in recent months has been giving close study to all phases of rehabilitation of uniformed men and women; it is expected rehabilitation will be one of the main topics of debate during the session, opening Feb. 1.

It is now a year since the massive and monumental and exhaustive report of the B.C. Post-war Rehabilitation Council, appointed early in 1942, was filed. All cabinet ministers have studied it; special cabinet committees have been studying its various points. It is only natural to suppose that some action will be taken by the Legislature, on the recommendation of the government.

YEAR OF SATISFACTION

Whatever may happen in the immediate future, the coalition government under Premier John Hart can look back with a good deal of satisfaction to a year of activity. The government has kept an eye on all the province's basic industries. It appointed a commission to study possible electrification of rural areas and its report is expected to be presented to the Legislature.

CONSERVATION

The Premier six months ago announced a commission would be named to examine the whole logging and lumbering industry of the province, with the view to preserving it. It is believed the Premier will announce the commission before the Legislature meets.

A purchasing commission was appointed to handle all government purchasing business and so remove it from the charge that political circles have had more to do with government buying than government officials.

The government looked after the mineral wealth of the ground, too, and placed reserves on all the coal areas of the Peace River country to save them from exploitation by private interests.

OF BRIGHTER THINGS

To Ottawa, for rehabilitation, the government gave 1,000,000 acres of choice farm land. The Legislature will be asked to formally approve this gift.

In addition to these more spectacular moves the government has gone along with the more humdrum activities of office. The Department of Public Works has prepared a comprehensive program of postwar reconstruction for presentation to the Ottawa government. The Provin-

cial Secretary's Department has had its troubles with priorities and all the social service buildings it would like have not been possible. However, the big job of early 1944 will be reconstruction of the mental home in New Westminster. When labor and materials are available improvements and additions will be made to Escondido.

All in all, the government has given a good account of itself in its second year and when the Legislature meets in four weeks the big chamber in the Parliament Buildings will not be blacked out, as it has been for two sessions... and this is indeed a good omen of brighter things to come.—J.K.N.

President's Cold Turns Into Grippe

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt's cold had turned into grippe today, and the White House said he had a half a degree of fever.

Rear-Admiral Ross T. McIntire, the President's physician, ordered him to remain in bed today, and said he probably would have to stay in bed tomorrow.

The regular Friday afternoon cabinet meeting was canceled, along with the morning news conference. The illness will prevent the President's participating formally in any observance of New Year's Day, which he has proclaimed a day of prayer.

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Only 34% of Canadians Think No War Within Next 25 Years

TORONTO—While the phrase "the war to end wars" is not as frequently heard in World War 2 as it was in the First World War, nevertheless, today the largest single group of people in Canada believe that the end of the present conflict will herald in a period of peace at least 25 years long.

Previous polls have shown that the Canadian public—and the same results were obtained by American and British polls—believe that after this war, international co-operation could be made to work against future wars. The latest Gallup poll took the issue a step further and, through its battery of opinion reporters across Canada, asked a cross-section of the adult population this direct question:

"Do you think there is likely to be another world war within the next 25 years?"

A fairly large group of Canadians today are unable to answer this question, and another group qualify their answers. The largest single group, however, do not believe there will be another war for at least 25 years: Will be war, 29%; will not be war, 34%; no opinion, 21%; qualified answer, 16%.

To those who maintain that youth is more cynical on questions of postwar international relationships, it will come as a surprise to find that there is little material difference in the expectations of the younger generation, and those of the older. Whatever difference there is (and it is too slight to have much significance) would place the most cynicism in the group between 30 and 49 years of age:

Age Group	Will be war	Will not be war	No opinion	Qualified
18-29	21%	36%	21%	22%
30-49	28%	31%	21%	20%
50-64	19%	33%	21%	27%
65 and over	16%	31%	21%	32%
Total	29%	34%	21%	16%

DOES PUBLIC EXPECT ANOTHER WORLD WAR WITHIN 25 YEARS?



That 34% of Canadians which believes there will be another world war within 25 years were asked, through this cross-section: "Do you think it could be avoided?"

Nearly all of them thought it could be avoided if certain steps were taken, and few "war fatalists" were found. Just what these steps should be were described in a variety of ways, but centred largely on the idea of international co-operation after this war, with particular emphasis on disarmament. Actually, then, the only difference between this group and the group who gave a qualified answer to the first question, lies in the degree of confidence they have that such steps will be taken after the war.

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Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By WILLIAM FRYE

Associated Press War Analyst

The spectacular surge of the Red Army west of Kiev, now beginning to swing in flanking movements north and south, and the apparent collapse of the German line may imply a Nazi disaster of staggering proportions. They have not yet produced such a disaster, and it would be premature to assume the war will be ended because of the brilliant success of Gen. Vatutin's Ukrainian army. It may yet develop that the line he has

smashed was not the main German line.

What appears to have happened is that the Russian offensive came before the German were entirely prepared for it, in greater force than they expected, and before the withdrawal of the bulk of German troops from the Dnieper bend could be completed.

RAILWAYS CUT

That withdrawal may never be completed now, since the capture of Kazatin and the encirclement of Berdichev broke the two main rail lines out of the area; but there is every reason to believe the withdrawal was well started, and an estimate of the number of German troops left there would be strictly a guess.

At one time, the Germans had around 500,000 wounded soldiers in hospitals there, and huge numbers of combat troops. One guess is that if the Red Army offensive carries south of Berdichev through Zhmerinka to the Besiege, the Germans might lose as many as 20 divisions by that flanking envelopment, would be lucky to lose as few as 100,000 combat men. The size of the transportation problem involved in a withdrawal is indicated by the estimate that it would take 75 trains of 50 cars each a week to take out the wounded alone.

The Nazi counterattack in the Kiev region have been called a counteroffensive, and termed one of the worst tactical blunders the German high command has made in the course of the war. If it had been a counter-offensive aimed at recapture of Kiev, blunder would be the proper term. There has been repeated evidence, however, that they were limited counterattacks, aimed at keeping the railroads open through Kazatin-Berdichev-Korosten to facilitate the withdrawal from the Dnieper bend, and as such they made the best kind of tactical sense.

The blunder was in ever trying to hold the Dnieper as a winter line, and Hitler and his generals are reported to have disagreed sharply over that. In recent weeks the generals have enlarged their control over military operations, and begun what they wanted to do in the first place—withdraw to the Riga-Odessa line.

But because the withdrawal was belated, and because the line of screening forces they left as a rear guard was not strong enough to prevent the mighty Russian armies from smashing through, the Germans may have to check off a score of irreplaceable combat divisions at a time when they are scraping the bottom of the manpower barrel, and facing another huge assault in western Europe.

Empire Conference

LONDON (CP)—The planned conference of Empire prime ministers probably will be held in London in April or May, according to present indications. While the western invasion of Europe from Britain may be launched by that time, it is not believed here the operations would prevent the meeting.

Chief Harry's Widow Dies at Great Age

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mrs. Mary Celestine Harry, prominent member of the Squamish tribe, died in a hospital here Thursday. There were various estimates of her age. According to some, she was 108, but according to city archives she was 89.

She was the widow of Chief Harry, last of the government head chiefs of the tribe, who died in 1920.

According to tribal history, Aunt Polly was baptized by one of the early missionary priests on the coast. A baptismal certificate at the North Vancouver Indian Reserve shows that her sister, Aunt Harriet George, who died in 1941, now would have been 114. Aunt Polly was eight years younger than her sister.

She was the last aunt of Chief August Jack Khahtsahlano and was a sister-in-law of the late Supple Jack of Stanley Park fame. This alone, according to the native brotherhood, would set her age well over 100.

According to the city archives, Aunt Polly was only 89, although other sources say that no records of the Indians were kept before 60 years ago.

Skating at Duncan

DUNCAN—The skating season timidly arrived Wednesday when children ventured out on the ice of McKinnon's field, Stone Lake and Roger's Lake in the Cowichan station area. A continuation of frost is expected to make Wake's Lake safe for skating soon.

Beurling Gets His 31st

LONDON (CP)—Canada's top-ranking fighter ace, Flt. Lt. George Beurling of Verdun, Que., shot down his 31st enemy plane Thursday, one of four destroyed by R.C.A.F. fighters.

The combat took place north-east of Paris, where enemy fighters attempted to intercept United States heavy bombers returning from an attack on Germany. Beurling shot down a Focke-Wulf 190.

Beurling, who destroyed the Nazi enemy on a 20-mile chase, saw the enemy blow up after one short burst. The pilot bailed out. It was the first enemy plane downed by Beurling since he celebrated his return to action Sept. 24 by getting his 30th.

Alberta A. G. Attacks U.S. Court in Canada For Army Personnel

EDMONTON (CP)—Hon. Lucien Maynard, Alberta Attorney-General, has criticized an order-in-council passed by the Dominion government which gives United States army courts the right to try all members of its forces in Canada for any offence committed by them in Canada. The order-in-council was passed this week.

"I am astounded that the Dominion government should deny Canadians their rights in Canadian courts under Canadian law in cases involving members of the American armed forces in Canada," Mr. Maynard said.

"It is even more astounding that a Dominion order-in-council giving extra-territorial rights to the American armed forces in Canada should be passed without consultation, first, with the attorneys-general of the provinces, and further that such an order should be released to the press before it had been received by the provincial attorneys-general."

"Canadian citizens are entitled to know that when American personnel commit an offence against them or their property, the effect of this order-in-council is to deprive them of the protection of Canadian law and Canadian courts and subject them to American military law and the administration of U.S. courts martial."

Canned Vegetables, Fruits Show Decrease

OTTAWA (CP)—Sharp reduction in supplies of canned fruits and vegetables in comparison with last year are reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, reflecting the short crops of 1943, canning materials shortages and labor problems.

Stocks of canned fruits held by canners, wholesale dealers and chain store warehouses Oct. 1, amounted to 1,062,324 dozen cans, compared with 2,337,777 dozen on the same date last year.

Canned vegetables on hand amounted to 9,267,579 dozen compared with 14,060,768 dozen last year.

Canada's Honor Roll R.C.A.F.

KILLED
Boily, Joseph Omer Emile Jules, P.S. Quebec.
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Johnston, Angus Augustus, WO, Little Harbor, Bouris, P.E.I.
Jones, George Macdonald, PO, Waterloo, Ontario.
Kneale, Thomas Matthew, PO, Woodstock, Ont.
MacKay, PO, Dodsland, Sask.
MacKay, PO, Edmund, PO, Kryd, Sask.
Phillips, Maurice Milton, PO, Minburn, Alta.
Rothrock, Maurice Francis Victor, Sgt., Montreal, Que.
Schneider, Gordon Raymond, P.S., Brudenell, Alta.
Sheppard, Walter Fitzgerald, PO, Victoria, B.C.

DIED OF INJURIES
MacQueen, Fred Calder, PO, Glace Bay, N.S.
McLennan, Burns Alexander, PO, White Rock, B.C.
MISSING
Addison, Douglas Gordon, Sgt., Otterville, Ont.
Anderson, Sydney Andrew, P.S., Radville, Sask.
Burns, Kenneth Orr, P.S., Vancouver.
Cargill, Garret Oliver, PO, Swift Current, Sask.
Case, Emerson Earl, Sgt., Woodstock, Ontario.
Clayford, John Joseph, Sgt., Hamilton, Ontario.
Dixon, Robert, Sgt., Edmonton, Alta.
Dube, Joseph Paul Henri, Sgt., Laviolette, Que.
Elli, Edward Harry, PO, Fort William, Ontario.
Farmer, Kenneth Albert, Sgt., Ottawa.
Findlay, James Bruce, PO, Ontario.
Foster, Edgar Delvis, PO, Unity, Sask.
Gander, Arthur Frederic, Sgt., Sarnia, Ontario.
Gerow, Wilbur John, Sgt., Toronto, Ont.
Gibson, William Curtis, Sgt., Cliftonville, Sask.
Gourlie, Harold Alexander, PO, Regina, Saskatchewan.
Graham, Gordon Allan, PO, Halifax, N.S.
Harding, Andrew Crawford, D.F.C., FL, Galt, Ont.
Herman, George Philip, P.S., Netherhill, Sask.
Jolliffe, Percy George, P.S., Toronto, Ont.
Kennedy, Patrick, PO, Windsor, Ont.
Knight, David Roy, PO, Cypress River, Man.
Larson, Richard Henry, P.S., Dinmore, Sask.
MacDonald, Donald John, Sgt., Winnipeg.
MacGillivray, Donald Keith, P.S., Niagara Falls, Ont.
MacIntosh, Franklin, P.S., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
McLaughlin, George, PO, Chesterville, Ontario.
Merrill, Reginald Keith, Sgt., Toronto.
Morrice, Norman Hume, Sgt., Toronto.
Mullins, Edwin O'Brien, WO, Winnipeg.
Morris, Francis Kempton, Sgt., Shearborn, Ont.
Muter, Robert Douglas, P.S., Toronto.
Navard, Millard, Lt., Sgt., Camrose, Alta.
Nickerson, William James Murdoch, P.S., Edmonton, Alta.
Partridge, Gordon John, P.S., Winnipeg.
Pitkin, Douglas Hartley, PO, Garsden, Ontario.
Richardson, Murray Lincoln, P.S., Toronto, Ont.
Rosen, Albert Edward, Sgt., Rapid City, Minn.
Sedgewick, Arthur Louis, P.S., Toronto.
Shenker, Harold Calvin, P.S., Medicine Hat, Alta.
Smith, James Scott, PO, Vancouver.
Smith, Kenneth Franklin, P.S., Vancouver.
Smith, Stanley, P.S., Kamloops, B.C.
Stewart, Robert Glenn, Sgt., Roland, Man.
Tren, Edwin Florence, Sgt., Sioux Lookout, Ont.
Walker, John Bradburn, Sgt., Prince Albert, Sask.
Wheeler, Charles Merrill, PO, Regina.
Whitely, Colin Harold, FL, Montreal.
Winkler, Francis William, PO, Toronto.

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Bawdon, Jack Youstian, Sgt., Toronto.
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Hall, Walter Vernon, PO, Fredericton, N.B.
DANGEROUSLY INJURED
Wallace, Clarence Burdette, Sgt., Stony Brook, Sask.
SEVERELY INJURED
Yeo, Lloyd John, P.S., Lemberg, Sask.
CANADIAN IN R.A.F., PRESUMED DEAD
Covett, H. R. W.C., Victoria, B.C.

Leckie Promoted

OTTAWA (CP)—Air Vice-Marshal Robert Leckie, recently appointed chief of air staff, has been promoted to the rank of air marshal, it is announced by Air Minister Power. He thus assumes rank equal to that of his predecessor, Air Marshal L. S. Broadner, who has been appointed air officer commanding-in-chief, R.C.A.F. overseas.

Hobart Bosworth Dies

GLENDAL, Cal. (AP)—Silver-haired Hobart Bosworth, 76-year-old dean of the Hollywood movie colony, died in a hospital Thursday of pneumonia.

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Apostleship of Sea

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—

Canada has been given its own council in the Apostleship of the Sea, a world-wide organization having for its aim the spiritual and social welfare of merchant seamen. For some years it has been operating at several Canadian ports. Its headquarters are in the British Isles. A skeleton organization has been set up, with W. H. Atherton, K.C., LL.D., Montreal, as president. Rev. F. A. Carlisle, Vancouver, is a councillor. Appointment of a councillor for Victoria has yet to be made.

Mosquito Story Gives Soldier Liars' Title

BURLINGTON, Wis. (AP)—

A captive Maryland mosquito carrying around its neck a diamond-studded gold medal, bearing the inscription, "World Champion Liar," was liberated here today.

The insect, according to O. C. Hulet, president of the Burlington Liars' Club, will fly direct to an army camp at Tooele, Utah, and there deliver the medal to Sgt. Baron S. Fomesbeck. His story earned the soldier the title of "World Champion Liar of 1943."

Here is Sgt. Fomesbeck's story which the judges decided was the best of the 6,000 entered in the annual contest:

The mosquitoes of Maryland were of the P-38 type, and when they landed they always filled both fuselages. The first day I was there, they completely drained me of blood. The second day I was giving them I.O.U.'s.

"Months later, when I was stationed in Alabama, the Maryland mosquitoes sent me a card on Father's Day because they had so much of my blood in them.

"We tried in many ways to dispose of these pests, including poison gas, but it was all to no avail. We did, however, kill a few by shooting .30 calibre rifle bullets at them. They were mean, those mosquitoes, and it made them mad to have to get out of the way of those bullets. So they would snap at 'em as they went by, and before they could get off that lead—it would jar off their heads."

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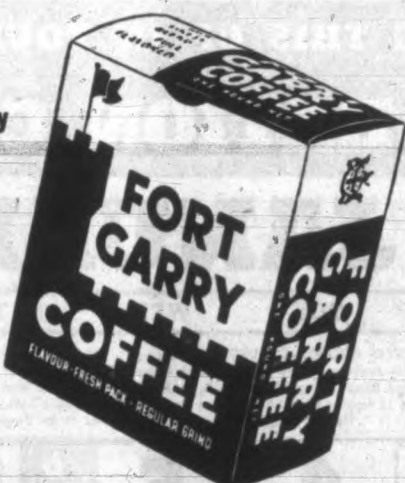
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'Beginning Of The End'

TWELVE MONTHS AGO TODAY THE peoples of the Allied world were wishing one another a Happy New Year in a more meaningful sense than for many moons. For Mr. Churchill had just recently expressed the view that the business of the anti-Axis powers had reached "the end of the beginning." The events of those days are too near to require recapitulation; it is sufficient to allude only to the Anglo-American landings on the northwestern shore of Africa to remind us of the promise of that epochal demonstration of aggressive coalition warfare against the common enemy. And in his message to President Roosevelt at the end of 1942 the Prime Minister summed up his hopes for the year now about to be relegated to the limbo in the following terms:

"During the past year we have welcomed ever-growing forces from America in our ports and camps and on our airfields. In all theatres of operations men of America and men of Britain have fought side by side under each other's command as circumstances require. Bonds of respect, comprehension and comradeship have been forged which will, I pray, far outlive this year, and be a lasting support in the labors of peace, when, after we have won the victory, we strive to build together a better and a happier world."

Since Mr. Churchill sent that message to his good friend in Washington on the eve, incidentally, of the memorable Casablanca conference—the war has gone, perhaps, even better than either the Prime Minister or the President had expected. The whole scene in the Mediterranean, in the Soviet Union and in the Pacific has encouragingly changed; no serious reverse on any of the numerous battlefields in the meantime has marred the progress of this conflict of the continents and the oceans. One dictator is conspicuously absent. His country has changed its status from an enemy to a "co-belligerent" state; thousands of its soldiers are marching and fighting side by side with the armies of liberation. And if Adolf Hitler should be in the mood to consult some of the speeches he delivered in the first three years of his aggression, and compare his predictions and assurances to his people with the accomplished facts, he would probably make some concession to his conscience and admit that when 1943 dawned Mr. Churchill was not very wide of the mark in suggesting to the Allied peoples that they were at "the end of the beginning."

As we go into 1944, therefore, are we not justified in believing that the United Nations have arrived at "the beginning of the end"? Today's news from the European theatres of war certainly supports this more rosy assumption—even though the fight to subdue the Japanese and strip them of their ill-gotten gains may well consume more than another dozen months. At any rate, the "ever growing forces from America" which Britain welcomed in her "ports and camps" and to her airfields in 1942 have been followed by vast numbers during the year whose hours are now fast running out, while the decisions of Tehran and Cairo produced the program whose details the two Axis powers will learn only as they unfold in actual conflict. For to the distant past belong the days when the enemy could decide when, how and where the next move would be made; the peoples of the United Nations have almost forgotten when they used to go to bed at night and wonder what new dispositions of Hitler's seemingly inexhaustible and apparently invincible machinery of war would be revealed on the morrow. The Brenner Pass long since ceased to be a rendezvous where the two dictators stirred their devilish brew. Allied bombers have made rather a mess of that spot in the Alps in recent months.

If we have reached "the beginning of the end," however, we also have arrived at the beginning of another campaign which must be won at every step if the military victory for which liberty-loving peoples the world over have sacrificed so much human and material treasure is to bequeath to posterity a lasting peace—peace in the fullest sense of the term. Day to day developments in domestic realms give cause for apprehension. While thousands of men are dying and bleeding on the battlefields, crashing to destruction from the skies, exposing themselves to undersea marauders on the oceans, other thousands of men, far removed from the scene of conflict, halt tasks upon which victory depends to argue questions of purely personal economics. And are governments, business leaders, progressive organizations, and the men and women who owe their life and liberty to the fighting warriors—are all of us preparing to play a full part in the task of rehabilitation and reconstruction? If we are not, if we are looking for "an easy way out," so to speak, we are indeed at the beginning of an end that will be reached only after much needless travail. To help to shorten that journey should be the stern resolve of everybody in 1944.

The death of Senator MacArthur of Prince Edward Island, raises to 14 the number of vacancies in the Senate. There is now one from British Columbia, two from Manitoba, four from Ontario, six from Quebec, and one from P.E.I.

To Draft MacArthur

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO IN A LARGE office building in Chicago, the "MacArthur-for-President Club" opened its headquarters, with Mr. Joseph P. Savage—"who held minor legal jobs during Bill Thompson's regime"—in charge of operations and presiding genius of the movement. Nearly 100 persons stood in line in order to get their names high up on the roster on the opening day. Members admitted they were not at all concerned about such views as the general might have on the idea. But when informed last April that the War Department prohibited men on active duty from seeking or accepting public office, he is reported to have said curtly: "Let's get on with the war." Since then, however, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, who is interested in the movement, has been informed there is nothing in the law to prevent General MacArthur accepting the Republican nomination if it should be offered to him. But the only military officer of his rank in United States history to run for the presidency during wartime was George B. McClellan, whom Lincoln defeated in 1864; he would be a bold prophet who would suggest that MacArthur is likely to follow that example.

Regardless of the eminent soldier's personal views and intentions, President Savage announced from his Chicago headquarters yesterday that petitions to place MacArthur's name on the April 11 primary ballot were being mailed to county chairmen, precinct committeemen and other Republican officials throughout the state. However, "we have not consulted with General MacArthur, either directly or indirectly, nor do we propose to do so," Mr. Savage explained, because "it is the inalienable right of the American people to draft any citizen for service to his country, particularly in a time of peril; so we propose to draft General Douglas MacArthur as a candidate in the primaries for President of the United States." That would appear to be that.

When the "MacArthur-for-President Club" began to operate Chicagoans showed only mild interest, and a Gallup Poll revealed that U.S. Republicans ranked MacArthur behind Dewey and Willkie among favored candidates, but well ahead of Bricker, Stassen and others. The Patterson-MacCormick and Hearst papers, incidentally, had suggested the general's candidacy. The publisher of the Chicago Tribune intimated at the time that "if a convention was held now General MacArthur would be nominated by acclamation." Colonel MacCormick may have other views now.

Border Red Tape

THE WINDSOR STAR, WHICH OUGHT to know because it is published at a point where there is the greatest volume of border crossings between Canada and the United States, says that the new United States order abolishing crossing cards for native Canadians after Jan. 1, will not improve conditions. At first it was thought that regulations were being considerably relaxed. Now it seems plain that the situation may even be worse.

It appears, according to the Star, that Canadians seeking to enter the United States under the new regulations will need a new type of document, rather more difficult to obtain than the crossing card. They will have to furnish proof of their Canadian nativity, and that is not easy for everyone. There are few who possess birth certificates, and these can be obtained only by sending to the province in which they were born, at some expense and inconvenience. In some cases they may find there is no record available. The old crossing cards could be had merely by applying for them at the local Consul's office.

McCormick Backs Down

ONE DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN citizen is a disappointed man today. He is Mr. Wendell L. Willkie. The reason? Colonel Robert R. McCormick, editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune, has informed an Illinois Republican leader that he is not to be considered a presidential candidate in the Illinois primary next spring. Five months ago the author of "One World" intimated to all and sundry in the United States that he would enter the Illinois primaries next April and stump the state if McCormick, isolationist and Anglophobe extraordinaire, would bid for the honor. Immediately afterward, the publisher declared that "anybody can beat Willkie in Illinois; he's a joke out there." One radio commentator, however, gave a different version of the Colonel's comment. He quoted the Tribune's owner as saying: "I don't think that foreigner can carry the state of Illinois."

McCormick hates Willkie, of course, just as bitterly as that element in the Republican Party which continues to do its thinking in terms of the status quo—even though it is obliged to talk otherwise for next year's election purposes. But the anti-British publisher had his chance to see what he could do against the man who fought with everything he had in his verbal arsenal to persuade the United States to accept the League of Nations more than two decades ago. No doubt the Chicago publisher prefers to continue to indulge in the outmoded pastime of "twisting the Lion's tail" from the sidelines rather than accept Willkie's challenge to a domestic battle. "That foreigner" is nevertheless a force in American politics whose appeal to a large section of the public is waxing rather than waning.

Bruce Hutchison

OLD FRIEND
IT HAD BEEN months since I last saw my good friend and neighbor, Mrs. Noggins. Leaning in neighborly fashion over the fence of her chicken yard she recalled (reckoning all dates by the routine of her poultry business) that we had not met since the late hatching of her Rhode Island Reds, of which only half a dozen had survived the hawks and cats.

"But," said she, "I can hardly remember wot's appened this year and now at the end of it the 'ole thing is only a blur, as you might say. The papers is full of news and all like that and great things 'appenin' all year but when you come to look back on it, wot 'ave you got? Nothing but jest another year, that's all, jest another year."

"They tell you 'istory 'as bin made this year and I suppose it 'as, but wot 'istory? Why, bless me, I can't remember now whether the battle of Stalingrad was this year or last, 'tis so mixed up together now. You take ordinary folks like me, we don't remember things proper. We only remember our own little business. I can't tell you about the Battle of Stalingrad, but I remember mighty well the row I 'ad with Mrs. Boggs over the price of eggs. I couldn't tell you about any of Churchill's speeches, but I certainly remember the speech I made to my 'usbun after the party on Beak's birthday."

WE REMEMBER

"NO, SIR, we pretend we're mighty intelligent these days and all like that, and every fella in the bus can tell you when the war's goin' to be over, but if you ask us wot really 'appened this year you'll find we remember all abaht the garden we planted in the spring and the way the early beans froze and the first 'atchin' of chickens and maybe some good dinner we et, but we couldn't tell you when our boys landed in Italy or even if the C.C.F. won't the last by-election. In fact, you might say, life is a very personal matter, as Uncle 'Erbert uster say. Very personal life is, 'Erbert uster say, and even when 'e was at the 'eight of his power and a alderman in Liverpool 'e uster worry more about 'is kidneys than 'e did about the gover'mint. If they was actin' up."

"Yes, very personal life is because that's the way we're built, I dare say. The Lord never intended a body like me to be mixed up in the strategy of a big war, you know. Only a few fellas like Churchill and Roosevelt is built for it, and they're welcome to it, and God bless 'em. The rest of us was built to worry about the early peas and the Sunday roast and the affairs of the neighbors."

"So when my grandchildren ask me some day wot it was like in 1943 when the world was bustin' to pieces, I'll 'ave to tell 'em frankly that it was the year when the price of eggs was good and I done very well on my young roosters and it was very 'ard to get a bottle of anything. Why, they'll say, wot abaht the war in Italy, they'll say, and abaht Stalin and the Russians? And I'll 'ave to say somethink was 'appenin' in Italy all right and the Russians was doin' fine, but all I can recall of that summer was the birthday party at Beak's when yer grandfather took rather too many and made 'is old speech about the British Hembre. But wot abaht the campaigns in the autumn, they'll say, and if I tell 'em the truth I'll say the only think I remember about the autumn was my rheumatism was very bad."

DON'T FEEL IT

"THE WAY I see it, all this talk about the war and politics and the like of that is artificial. We don't feel it, you know. We jest act it. Everybody feels 'e must make a show of hintelligence so you got wimmin layin' down the law at tea parties, and our knittin' club as makes mits for sailors is all 'ot and bothered about socialism, and 'alf the wimmin sayin' the gover'mint should take everything over and then damnin' the gover'mint because they've already took too much."

"'Tis jest a fashion, you know, to talk fancy these days, like wearin' funny 'ats. You've got to do it to be in style. You've got to talk socialism or they'll think you're dumb. But the style will pass, same as the 'ats, and we'll get back to normal, discussin' our neighbors. Why, even now, you know, the conversation is very borin' at the start, when we get together at the knittin' club, all about the gover'mint and the war, but after a while, when we've thawed out a bit and we get down to talkin' about the neighbors and the goin's-on of the young folks, then everybody kind of lights up and gets interested, especially if there's a bit of scandal in it."

"So I'm tellin' you, sir, speakin' frankly and don't put it in the papers, it's bin a great year, 1943, with big news bustin' all over the place. I'll never forget it if I live to be a 'undred. I never done so well on my roosters, the price of eggs was good and that birthday party at Beak's was as thrillin' a thing as I ever seen till it got a bit rough towards the end. And in the autumn my rheumatism come on bad. 'Twas about the time when Churchill and Roosevelt was meetin' Stalin. I'll remember that meetin' because the pain was awful in the mornings."

TO 1944—A NEW YEAR'S WISH

While still grim battles grip this weary earth The Old Year dies, the New is given birth; What will it bring—our lot is not to see Ahead of time the New Year's destiny.

But, come what may, our duty is to build A glorious postwar world, one that is filled Not with the selfish aims of graft and greed, But with those things hallowed by Christian creed.

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SIR WILFRID LAURIER, 1917
"You'll have to stay in bed today if you want to go to the apple-see tomorrow." When mother spoke up like this and looked significantly at their clothes, the youngsters had no "come-back." They knew she wasn't being harsh—it was just that their little dresses and shirts had to be washed and made ready for the great occasion—and they with but one set of garments to their name!

Around about September of every year the pioneers would begin to lick their lips and look hungrily at the rosy fruit dangling from their apple trees. The orchards were "babies"—set out eagerly as soon as a clearing could be made, and as growing children. Such excitement there was when the first apples rounded out, but nothing compared to the dither everyone got into when there was a big enough harvest to have an apple-bee! Boys and girls teamed up, the boys doing the peeling, the lassies the quartering and coring. As for the older folk, they were busy stringing and tying apples so they could have dried fruit all winter long. Some of the apples were set aside for the cider press, which led to busy life since everybody was fond as could be of the fragrant nectar.

Apples chosen for the year's supply of cider had red skins.

INDUSTRY CONTROLLED

In effect, private enterprise has been eclipsed (in Germany). The means of production have been controlled as thoroughly and effectively as if they had been owned and operated by the government. Total regulation has done a job equivalent to nationalizing.—Brookings Institution survey of German industry.

THIS WAR—FOUR YEARS AGO

Dec. 31, 1939—Finns announce Russian division mostly destroyed in two-day battle at Lake Kianta on Eastern Front. Russian bombers raid six Finnish cities. Western Front remains quiet.

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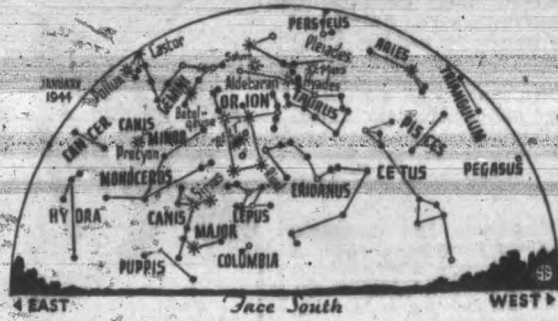
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Meatless Day in Public Eating Places		Meat Coupons 34 are valid.		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Meatless Day in Public Eating Places		Tea-Coffee Coupons 28 and 29; and Meat Coupons 36 are valid.		
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Planets Join Bright Stars



By JAMES STOKLEY

WITH THE COMING of January those distant suns which make up the constellations of Orion, Gemini, Canis Major, Taurus and their neighbors are seen in their full glory. To the south in the evening, but January, 1944, will find this region even more brilliant than usual, for it has in it two bright planets—Mars and Saturn. In addition a third planet, Jupiter, which is even brighter, shines to the east close to another bright star.

Look at the accompanying maps. These depict the appearance of the heavens as seen at 11 p.m., your local war time, on Jan. 1, or at 10 p.m. in the middle of the month. In addition, of course, the moon swings across the heavens. It will be seen during most of the first half of the month, and the last few days as well. It always travels through the constellations of the zodiac, including Pisces, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer and Leo.

Of all the stars or planets indicated, Jupiter is the brightest, with magnitude minus 2 on the astronomical scale. Next in order of brightness is the star, Sirius, the dog star, to the south-east in Canis Major, the great dog. Mars is next in order, then Saturn. Even through a light telescope the stars appear as points of light, and their naked eye appearance, with the familiar "twinkling," makes them look very different from the planets, which have a more steady glow. They shine by reflected sunlight.

Orion is a good group to locate first on these winter evenings, then from that you can find the rest. The three stars that form the warrior's belt are prominent in the south. Above them is Betelgeuse, and below is Rigel. A line from Sirius through the belt brings you close to Aldebaran, in Taurus, the bull, the group in which Saturn and Mars appear. Toward the southeast is Canis Minor, the lesser dog, with Procyon; while high in the

SYMBOLS FOR STARS IN ORDER OF BRIGHTNESS

The shadow passes inland, leaving the earth as the sun is setting on the Tangak Mountains, in French West Africa. It will then be 2:04 p.m. E.W.T. That is, about four hours 20 minutes will be required for the shadow to make its journey of thousands of miles.

On that day the shadow of the moon will sweep across the earth in other words there will be a total eclipse of the sun. The shadow will touch earth in the Pacific Ocean near the equator, directly south of lower California, at sunrise, which will be about 9:45 a.m. E.W.T. Reaching South America, it crosses the town of Chiclayo on the coast of Peru. Then across inland Brazil, finally reaching the Atlantic coast of that country at Fortaleza. Next the speeding shadow crosses to Africa, racing and leaving behind any transport or military planes that may be making that crossing. Free-town, Liberia, is in the track.

CELESTIAL TIME TABLE
January, 1944

Jan.	E.W.T.	Moon in first quarter
1	4:04 p.m.	At minimum
2	12:44 a.m.	At minimum
3	2:00 p.m.	At minimum
4	8:43 p.m.	At minimum
5	8:43 p.m.	At minimum
6	11:42 a.m.	At minimum
7	8:22 p.m.	At minimum
8	6:09 a.m.	At minimum
9	6:09 a.m.	At minimum
10	11:32 a.m.	At minimum
11	4:21 p.m.	At minimum
12	11:34 a.m.	At minimum
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28	11:34 a.m.	At minimum
29	11:34 a.m.	At minimum
30	11:34 a.m.	At minimum
31	11:34 a.m.	At minimum

1943 Low Rainfall Weather Highlight

The January cold spell and record low precipitation of November, provided the weather highlight of an "exceptionally dry year," William Burton, superintendent of the Meteorological Observatory, at Gonzales Hill, said today, as he gave his report for 11 months of 1943.

"The weather has been pretty normal generally, with the precipitation from Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 15.24 inches. That is 6.81 below normal, but not a record," Mr. Burton said.

"There was a total of 2,204 hours of sunshine during the 11 months, which was 71 hours above normal."

Precipitation amounting to .79 inch in November of this year, set an all-time record, being the lowest amount ever recorded here, Mr. Burton said. The coldest day Victoria has known since 1909 occurred Jan. 21, when the temperature dropped to 7 degrees. Hottest day of the year was Sept. 8, when temperature hit 83 degrees.

1943 Brought Sadness As Well As Prosperity

Victorians can look back today on a year of progress, prosperity and security—although most families have been anxious over menfolk in the armed forces. To many homes have come wounds of sorrow and sadness through telegrams revealing relatives "Killed in Action," "Died of Wounds" or "Missing after air operations."

Fears that beset the people of B.C. at the first of 1944 have not come to pass. No Japanese bombs have fallen on this land; there has been no blackout—in fact, the dimout has been canceled. People who left Victoria in alarm early in 1942, have felt this coast so safe that they have returned.

Last summer Victorians, with their fellows in the rest of the province, feared a fuel shortage and a food shortage this winter. So far they have been most comfortable on both counts and there is no indication either cold or hunger will beset any B.C. family this winter. Fuel companies, despite terrific difficulties, have managed to make deliveries of both coal and wood. Far-seeing citizens have been ordering fuel monthly, with the result that dealers believed never before has so much coal and wood been stored in basements.

VICTORY GARDENS

As for the food front, thousands of Victorians had Victory gardens last summer and most of them were successful. Few were the families, unless they live in apartments, who did not grow their winter's supplies of potatoes. Housewives, long accustomed to buying jams, jellies and marmalade at the corner store, afraid there would be none available, got busy and preserved and pickled and jellied for days—and to the surprise of everyone, themselves included, enjoyed the job. The result has been full cupboards of gleaming bottles of preserves for winter days.

Electric light bills are never relished by householders so it was with delight that Victorians read the announcement that Greater Victoria residents would not have to pay for their electrical service for two months. That was a treat and, needless to say, everyone enjoyed it to the full. And there is expectation that there will be a similar gift in 1944.

Shipbuilding here has kept thousands of homes prosperous all year and while there is some concern at the moment that this industry may be restricted next year, there is not a great deal of worry, for there are peacetime ships that must be built and it is believed they may be constructed on this coast, instead of abroad as in the past.

Which leads to a discussion of the transportation problem. How the B.C. Coast Service managed to move so many thousands—indeed, the figure must be in the millions—will always remain a mystery. Old steamers, whose days most people thought done years ago, have done yeoman service. As soon as the war is over these old vessels must be replaced, and if they are built on this coast thousands of men—and women, too—will be employed for some time.

Home building in Victoria has been slack

Those brave souls who went ahead and built their homes anyway found they could not get supplies as they wanted them, with the result most of the homes are not as comfortable and modern as their owners hoped they would be. On the other hand, many old homes, have been converted into apartments and, instead of eyesores they have become attractive. Contractors have been fully engaged on buildings for the Department of National Defence.

There was the income tax, of course. That was a blow at first and there was much grumbling. But, soon the public buckled down, realizing that the men and women in uniform were offering more than their money. And the public contributed heavily to two gigantic Victory Loans.

Guns have rumbled and roared about Victoria, but the citizens are used to this now. They never bat an eye and laze on the beach for they know they are not on any guns. For a time the citizens of this town hoped the 9 o'clock gun would be back; military officials, however, said there were so many guns hereabouts that the public would never know which was the 9 o'clock one. And then along came the curfew. Citizens now set their watches by the brewery whistle at 9:30 p.m., when all youngsters of 16 and under must leave the streets and hurry home.

The weather was grand all year, too. Spring came in February, when the daffodils bloomed. There has been no winter so far and no fog, which makes most local people feel quite superior when they contemplate the muck and gloom in which Vancouverites have been groping in recent months. There has been little rain. The old-time doctors agree Victorians need rain. Prairie and eastern Canadian people may feel invigorated when it's frosty in the morning, but the native-born Victorians much prefer a nice mild rain.

They'll Do It Every Time

For the first time Victorians were introduced to the queue system. There have been queues for liquor, cakes, candy, peanut butter and tinned goods.

Shipyard Unions Draft Agreement

A conference between management and the unions will be held early in 1944 to give unions an opportunity to present new agreements, it was learned today, following a meeting of the Victoria Joint Shipyard Council in the Trades Hall this week.

The proposed new agreement discussed at the meeting will embody all concessions gained during the last two years and, with some additions, will constitute a more concise and satisfactory arrangement than is at present in effect.

Curtailling of the present shipbuilding program was held by some delegates to be ample reason to ask for a shorter work week, to enable all workers to share in whatever work is available. The probable loss to the in-

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Pat Draper Left \$76,328

OTTAWA (CP)—The will of Patrick M. Draper, former official of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, who died last Nov. 23, has been filed for probate in Surrogate Court here, disclosing he left an estate of \$76,328. Mrs. Draper receives \$67,278; a daughter, Margaret Mary Draper, receives \$3,043, and four sons each receive \$1,000.

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B.C. Electric Party

Children of B.C. Electric street-car men were guests at a party Wednesday in the S.O.E. Hall. Moving pictures were shown, refreshments were served and each child received a gift. In the evening their parents attended a social, when those contributing to the program were Joe Doble, Bert White and Miss Enid Middleton. Later, dancing was enjoyed.

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Lieut. Muzz' Patrick And Bride to Live In Norfolk, Va.

Lieut. F. Murray (Muzz) Patrick, U.S. Army, and his bride, the former Jessie Wray Farr, left for a honeymoon in New York after their marriage Thursday evening in First United Church. They will reside in Norfolk, Virginia.

The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Farr, 2771 Burdick Avenue, and the groom, who left the New York Rangers' National Hockey League team to join the American army, is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Patrick of Victoria and New York. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Hugh A. McLeod, D.D., assisted by Rev. W. G. Wilson, D.D., M.A. Jack I. Smith played the wedding music, and Miss Margaret Hartman, of Benton City, Wash., sang Schubert's "Serenade" during the signing of the register.

The bride was given away by her father, and wore for her marriage a gown of ivory satin with the sweetheart neckline, long o-mutton sleeves and long train, edged with lace. A beaded coronet caught her finger-tip veil, and she carried a cascade bouquet of gardenias. A bouffant frock of madrona green taffeta was chosen by Miss Mary Farr, bridesmaid, and she wore a halo of gold chrysanthemums in her hair, and carried a Colonial bouquet of the same chrysanthemums centred with one Tallis-man rose. Lieut. Doug Peden was groomsmen, and ushers were Lieut. Art Chapman and Pte. William Duncan, R.C.A.

Mrs. W. M. Scott, aunt of the groom, assisted the bride's mother in welcoming the guests to a reception at the Duke of Kent room at the Empress Hotel. Mrs. W. J. G. McKenzie of Vancouver, and Mrs. Stanley Patrick, presided at the coffee urns. Dr. W. G. Wilson proposed the toast. Girl friends of the bride assisted in serving.

For traveling, the bride donned a model suit in military green, small brown hat trimmed with fur, brown fur coat and accessories, and a corsage bouquet of gardenias.

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Personal Notes

Miss Noella Kirkham of Victoria is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Kirkham, Duncan.

Mrs. W. R. McKay of Vancouver will be in Victoria for the New Year's week-end.

Mr. John Stokes, University of B.C., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Stokes, Island Highway.

Miss Marjorie Stroyan of Vancouver is visiting in Langford, the guest of Mrs. Robin Rae, Island Highway.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Sully have returned to their home in Vancouver after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gordon, Victoria.

Miss J. Cook of Handsworth, Sask., who accompanied her grandmother to the island, is visiting friends in Langford.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hopkins of Victoria visited Mr. and Mrs. F. Halling, Chemainus, for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Dorothy Wills entertained at luncheon Thursday in Spencer's dining-room. Covers were laid for 12 and later the guests attended the theatre.

Miss Eileen N. Hincks of Holmwood, Langford, is spending a few days in Vancouver, the guest of Mrs. M. Montgomery, Pine Crescent Avenue, Vancouver.

Cpl. and Mrs. D. Y. Simpson of Nanaimo are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Simpson, 1310 Dallas Road, for the New Year's holiday.

Victoria visitors at the home of Mrs. A. Page, Duncan, during the holidays were her daughter, Miss Violet Page, Mrs. J. B. Caldwell, Mrs. E. Tull and her son Peter.

Guests from out-of-town at the Cooper-Mason wedding Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenyon and son of Port Alberni; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Turner and family of Goldstream.

Among Vancouverites spending the New Year's week-end at the Empress Hotel are Mr. and Mrs. George Swaisland, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Milne, and Mrs. W. P. Kirkpatrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Russell with their three children, Betty, Patsy and baby Steve have returned to their home in Chilliwack after spending the holiday season with Mr. Russell's mother, Mrs. E. G. McKee, 81 Battleford Avenue.

Lt.-Cmdr. Adelaide Sinclair, director of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, will fly out from Ottawa to the west coast next week on an official inspection tour. She is expected in Victoria Friday, returning east the following Monday.

Mrs. Robert H. Wilson of Kelowna, who with her two small children has been visiting her mother, Mrs. George Bell, Vancouver, arrived in Victoria to spend a few days with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Millar, Linden Avenue.

Weddings

ROBERTS-LOVICK

Four attendants, one in melon pink chiffon and the others in Nile green taffeta, preceded Ena Constance Lovick down the aisle of Metropolitan United Church Thursday evening for her marriage to Lieut. Leslie W. Roberts, R.C.A.F., and Miss Ena Lovick.

The bride is the younger daughter of Mrs. H. Lovick, 3084 Cadboro Bay Road, and the late Mr. Harold Lovick. The groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Roberts, Calgary. Rev. A. E. Whitehouse, D.D., officiated. Miss Norma Lovick was maid of honor in melon pink chiffon, matching headpiece, and carried a Colonial bouquet of cream and orchid freesias. Bridesmaids were Misses Maxine Bolton, Enid Browne and Joan Hayhurst in similar frocks of Nile green taffeta, with matching headpieces and Colonial poses of pink snapdragons and freesias. Groomsmen were Pte. Lorne R. Roberts, R.C.A.F., and ushers were Lieut. C. W. Keller, Robert Pooley, cousin of the bride and Harold Turner.

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Miss Grace Rogers arrived Thursday from Edmonton, to spend the New Year holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers, 1520 Foul Bay Road.

Mrs. Victor Allen and her two sons have returned to Victoria after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kennington, Boeing Farm, Cowichan.

Miss Eileen Wills was hostess Wednesday evening to about 20 of her friends at a buffet supper party at the home of her parents, Alderman and Mrs. Archie Wills, 1231 Fairfield Road.

Mr. John Henniker, Seattle, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Henniker, Cowichan Bay. He recently received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Washington.

Miss Ada Brinkman of Dauphin, Man., and Miss Louise Brinkman of Vancouver, have arrived in Victoria to attend the wedding this evening of their niece, Miss Florence Brinkman and Gnr. Raymond Thomas, R.C.A. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brinkman, 1021 Pentreilew Place.

Mrs. E. M. Dawson-Thomas and her daughter Miss Winnifred Dawson-Thomas, who have resided for the past 21 years in Cowichan district, will arrive in Victoria next week to make their home. Mrs. Dawson-Thomas has been active in I.O.D.E. circles, being a member of Cowichan Chapter, and both she and her daughter have been members of the Canadian Red Cross society. Miss Dawson-Thomas has been interested in the Girl Guide movement and lately has concentrated on salvage work.

Rev. W. Allan performed the christening service in Fairfield United Church of Janet Sharon, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Penner. The godparents were Miss Alice Rodger and Pte. Douglas Bell. As the latter was absent on active service, his father stood proxy. After the ceremony friends were entertained at the home of Mrs. A. Rodger, where the table was set with a tier of the parents' wedding cake. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mesdames McKenzie, Vivian, McLean, Murray, Sims, Linn, Kendrick, and Miss Darlene Simms.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Roberts of Calgary, Alta., are visiting in Victoria and attended the wedding Thursday evening of their second son, Lieut. Leslie W. Roberts, R.C.A.F., and Miss Ena Lovick. They were accompanied by Pte. L. R. Roberts, R.C.A.F., and Mrs. Roberts, and ACI. J. C. Roberts. Other guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Taylor, grandparents of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Mitton, Patsy and Jimmy; Mrs. E. Pooley, Mrs. Frank Lovick, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wrightmeyer, Mrs. C. Waterston, Miss Joan Taylor, Miss Wyn Lovick, and Robert Pooley, all of Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lovick, New Westminster.

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wool with black accessories and a corsage bouquet of gardenias. Mrs. T. W. Spencer was matron of honor, in a French wool suit of powder blue with navy accessories, and a corsage bouquet of pink rosebuds. T. W. Spencer, supported the groom.

A reception was held at the home of the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. W. Carter, 2708 Graham Street, where a three-tier wedding cake, a gift of Mrs. A. Turner, centred the supper table. W. T. Stanoy, the bride's godfather proposed the toast.

After a honeymoon on the mainland, for which the bride donned a black squirrel coat, a gift of the groom, over her wedding outfit, Sgt. and Mrs. Cooper will reside in Victoria.

BATES-KYLE

Hilda Anne, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kyle, 242 Wildwood Avenue, exchanged marriage vows Thursday evening in St. Matthias' Church with Pte. William Strathmore Bates, R.A.F., son of Capt. and Mrs. A. F. C. Bates, Sunderland, England. Rev. E. G. Burgess-Browne read the service, and Edgar Holloway was at the organ. While the bridal party was in the vestry, David Oldham sang "All Joy Be Thine."

A short evening frock of orchid pink, styled with a full skirt of crepe and a bodice and bishop sleeves of lace, was chosen by the bride, who was given in marriage by her father. Her feather hat and veil were matching, and she carried a shower bouquet of pink roses and heather. Miss Nancy Kyle was her sister's only attendant, wearing a powder blue dressmaker suit with small matching hat and veil, and carrying a round bouquet of pink carnations. Flt. Lt. Leslie Isaac

son, R.A.F., was best man, and ushering were Sub. Lt. David Anstey, R.C.N.V.R.; Chester Cotter and Jack Kyle.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where Miss Anne Sharpe, cousin of the groom and his only relative in Canada sang a solo. Bert Hebdon proposed the toast to the bride. Mrs. Dorothy Woodward arranged the effective floral decorations.

P.O. and Mrs. Bates will make their home at Linda Court, Marlborough Avenue, after a honeymoon on the mainland. Going away the bride donned a Hudson seal coat over a crystal blue frock and black accessories.

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BOOKS.....

Perpetual Problem

"THE FORGOTTEN ALLY," one of mankind's pivotal problems, the Jews, by Pierre van Paassen, published by Longmans, Green & Co., Toronto.

PALESTINE is the central theme of Pierre van Paassen's book, "The Forgotten Ally." The author has written this book because he does not think the defeat of the Axis will automatically solve the Jewish problem with which Palestine is intimately and inextricably bound up. In "The Forgotten Ally," van Paassen has stated the case of the Jews and their country for the consideration of all men of good will. Here is one of mankind's pivotal problems translated into moving terms in a book for all peoples regardless of race or creed.

The author is convinced that there is a lack of interest in high places, both in Britain and America, in providing the remnants of European Jewry with a means of escape or even with a ray of hope for survival. The rich Jews of America, the upper crust of American Jewish society, have little sympathy for the idea of establishing the Jewish masses of

LIBRARY LEADERS

Non-fiction
THE LITTLE LOCKSMITH, Katharine Butler Hathaway; LONG, LONG AGO, Alexander Woolcott; BURNING AN EMPIRE, Stewart Holbrook.

Fiction
THE PROMISE, Pearl Buck; COLOR SCHEME, Ngalo Marsh; SENTIMENTALIST, Frances Winwar.

Mystery
SEVEN SINS, Sax Rohmer; VALLEY RANCH, Archie Jesselyn.

Europe in Palestine. The Hebrew gold in Palestine consists of the pennies of the Jewish poor and the Jewish petty bourgeoisie all over the world. The rich Jews have never been interested in their Palestinian homeland, either as a national centre or as a spiritual centre. There lie the Jewish people's roots, and that land with its reborn Jewish community may again be the spiritual centre of the Jewries of the world, even as the spiritual centre of Catholics is Rome. The Gentile knows that behind the religious community of the modern Jew lies a territorial past and that Israel is not merely a religious community of great antiquity, but the broken and shattered remnant of a people with a soil, dynasties, wars, and a magnificent epic literature that has moulded the thought and the art of half the world. He knows that it is neither wise nor legitimate to deny a people's past or to see a nation as unrelated and detached from its past. A living people is but one page in its book of life.

Pierre van Paassen believes that one of the greatest disasters that has befallen the western world is the elimination of Israel in a national sense from participation in the work which is the aim and object of all man's striving; to lift conditions and human society gradually and constantly more in the direction of the Kingdom of God on earth; that Israel in his own home, permeated with the reality of his own happiness and to his part of the solution, which is the highest and final solution, that of the prophets and of the Christian fathers.

The Balfour Declaration, issued by Great Britain in the midst of the last war and ratified by the government of the United States of America and 50 other states after the war pledged the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine. What has become of that project which was to have been the chief instrument to solve the Jewish problem after the last war? Where has it led?

Palestine is a neutral country, and its inhabitants are neutral. The Palestinian Jews were under no illusion when they placed their lives, their wealth, and their honor at the disposal of Great Britain. Besides the thirty odd thousand Jews who were taken into the Eighth British Army and into the Palestinian home guard forces, Jewish industries, large and small alike and Jewish agriculture in Palestine, supplied the British armies with medical supplies, precision instruments, tobacco, 125,000 pairs of boots per month, fruit, vegetables, wheat, wine, X-ray apparatus, 25,000 tons of cement per month, spare parts for automobiles and trucks, timber, tents and buses taken from the Palestinian transportation system. Not a single British or American newspaper gave its readers the merest inkling of the material and strategic importance of Palestine and the role it has played. As little as possible was said of Jewish soldiers standing side by side with Englishmen, Australians and South Africans and facing the fearful odds presented by Rommel's overwhelming superiority. Palestine Jewry's effort in the war must be considered the best-guarded military secret of all.

The author reaches the conclusion that the Jews must have a culturally and politically autonomous state of their own in Palestine. Only by being rooted in their own people and soil and character can individuals or nations develop their spiritual and intellectual inheritance to its highest significance.

Lin Yutang's Daughter
"FLAME FROM THE ROCK," a love story of haunting beauty, by Tan Yun, published by Longmans, Green & Co., Toronto.

TAN YUN, the author of "Flame From the Rock," is the eldest daughter of Lin Yutang. At 20 she has published her first novel written in that quiet style which follows the high tradition of the Chinese novelist of all centuries. The love story has a tragic ending for two young people who were caught in the turmoil of war. Kuangpo, a young Chinese woman, who goes every day to tend the wounded, is strayed by a Jap plane on her way home from the hospital. She lies wounded in a field and is carried

Old Home Town Letter

For the Boys and Girls Overseas
Victoria Daily Times prints news of the week in capsule form to overcome regulations which forbid sending newspapers overseas. Clip and send it to relatives and friends in the forces.

DEAR

VICTORIANS celebrate Christmas with bright lights shining on downtown streets with blinding of blackout, the first time in three years they have seen them during the holiday season. Cougar hunters believe trained dog may find body of 21-year-old Kenneth Duncan, Victoria shipyard worker missing on hunting expedition to Shawangnan since Nov. 27. Saanich stores up 172 tons of coal, 1,000 cords of wood to meet winter fuel shortages among residents. A. J. Watson to retire as manager of Hudson's Bay Co. store at end of January. Larry Hagan receives presentation after 21 years on Saanich Council. Death comes to John Leeming, 62, following brief illness. Maj. and Mrs. A. G. Piddington learn through International Red Cross their son, Wing-Cmdr. J. A. Piddington, was killed in action in raid over Hamburg July 27. Leo L. Gordon pleads guilty to having a still in his possession but says he didn't have much success at making liquor, is fined \$100. Thos. Steward, for 27 years a teacher at Victoria High, dies suddenly at his home. E. G. MacMinn arrives from Halifax to be manager of Royal Bank on retirement of G. H. Stevens. Capt. J. G. Corry Wood, Red Cross worker for 43 years, dies after short illness.

D. J. FARMER, fatally injured in traffic accident Christmas Day. Victorians born on Christmas Day include a son to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Beach, a son to Mr. and Mrs. James

Gower, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cortner, a son to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Walker, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Helmer, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Roy McKay. F. O. Ian Gillespie reported missing in action after air operations overseas Dec. 20. Sgt. Vincent Knox, son of Mrs. Violet Knox, reported killed on active service overseas with air force Dec. 20. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holling celebrate golden wedding at their home on Shelbourne Street. Also celebrating 50 years of married life are Mr. and Mrs. William Raines, 3800 Carey Road. Joyce Bates, 39, suffers head injuries after falling from runningboard of car which crashed into bus. Police search for Mrs. Constance Margaret Turner, 56, reported missing. Capt. P. D. Crofton, 29, who fought through Sicilian campaign with P.P.C.L.I., now reported wounded in action in Italy Dec. 10. P. O. Howard Campbell, R.C.A.F., graduated as navigator. H. P. Winsby's \$1,000, 600 damage claim covering holding at Zeballos dismissed in Supreme Court judgment.

VETERANS' SIGHTSEEING & Transportation Co. Ltd. buys Stobart Block. Bdr. Thomas W. Taylor, 51st Regiment, R.C.A., dies of pneumonia while serving overseas. In order to save liquor for residents, Liquor Commission bans sale of spirits to visitors from U.S. or other provinces until they have been in B.C. five days. Two Victoria girls arriving overseas with C.W.A.C. are Pte. Agnes Deveson and Pte. Muriel Forrester. Lt.-Cmdr. James Robert Genge, R.C.N.V.R., now pilotage and navigation official at Royal Cana-

dian Naval College, Royal Roads. Every hall in Victoria booked for New Year's Eve dances. Mayor McGavin confined to St. Joseph's Hospital with chest complaint. Walter Truck, 73, former clothier, dies. F. O. Walter Fitzgerald Sheppard, R.C.A.F., killed on air operation with Lancaster aircraft overseas.

ENGAGED ARE Rita (Joy) Cull and William E. Snell, Margaret Joan Cull and L.A.C. E. G. MacLaughlin, R.C.A.F.; Kathleen May Smith and Spr. Donald Croft, R.C.E.; Florence Doreen Brinkman and Gnr. Raymond Thomas, R.C.A.; Hilda Anne Kyle and P.O. William Strathmore Bates, R.A.F.; Mildred Jean Cummings and L.S.B. A. Ivan Hamilton Wright, R.C.N.

NEWLYWEDS include Dorothy Rosemary Fox and Leading Tel. Walter Cook, R.C.N.V.R.; Grace Mary Genn and Alexander Henry, Kathleen Elizabeth Lowe and Cpl. William Routledge, R.C.A.F.; Sgt. Elsie V. Myers and AB. Robert Douglas Knight, R.C.N.R.; Rena Smith and Bandsman Bennie Edward Carson, Lieut. Audrey Mary Reahill, C.W.A.C. and Lieut. Alan Perley, R.C.A.; Myra Marjorie Crowe and Stephen Alfred Biggs, Mary Kathleen Steele and Lieut. Rodney Edward Renshaw, R.C.E.; Lorna Katharine Scott and Group Capt. E. L. Wurtele, R.A.F.

UNTIL NEXT week and wishing you the best of luck.

ABSOLUTE SCIENCE
AT ROOM 8, CAMPBELL BLDG.—SUNDAY, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

ALLIANCE
GOSPEL TABERNACLE C. AND M. A. Yates St., near Cook. Rev. P. M. Landis, pastor. 9 a.m.—Sunday school; 11 a.m.—worship; 1:30 p.m.—Gospel service; 7:30 p.m.—prayer service; 8 p.m.—Bible study; 9 p.m.—Crucified Jesus.

CHRISTADELPHIANS
CHRISTADELPHIAN—ORANGE HALL, Courtney St. Morning service, 11:15 a.m.; 7:30 p.m. subject, "The Healing of the Nations." All welcome.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHRISTADELPHIAN, SHIRINE HALL—Sunday morning at 11.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 1230 PERNWOOD Rd.—Church service at 11 a.m. for Brethren of Christ. GIVE Secretary.

FOURSQUARE GOSPEL
DISCIPULAT FOURSQUARE CHURCH, 801 Esquimalt Rd., near Head St.—Sunday, 10 a.m.—Sunday school; 11 a.m.—worship; 1:30 p.m.—Gospel service; 7:30 p.m.—prayer service; 8 p.m.—Bible study; 9 p.m.—Crucified Jesus.

GOSPEL HALLS
BETHESDA—OAK BAY AVE. AT DAVIE Sunday, 11 a.m.—the Lord's Supper. 1 p.m.—Sunday school and Bible class. 7:15 p.m.—services of song, subject, "Beginnings." Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.—prayer service. John, Chapter 3. "A Man Born Blind." Thursday, 7 p.m.—women's meeting. Friday, 7 p.m.—Young People's meeting.

OKLANDS GOSPEL HALL, 2815 CEDAR Hill Rd. Sunday, 11 a.m.—worship. 1:30 p.m.—Sunday school and Bible class. 7:30 p.m.—Gospel service. Thursday, 8 p.m.—prayer and ministry meeting. Rev. P. Smart, "A New Year Message."

SERVICE MEN'S MISSION, 648 JOHNSON St. Sunday, 7:30 p.m.—Gospel service. 1:30 p.m.—prayer service. Mr. Percy Wills, Monday, 9 p.m.—prayer meeting. Saturday, 8 p.m.—Gospel meetings, with songs services at 7:45 p.m.—All welcome.

LUTHERAN
GRACE ENGLISH LUTHERAN, BLANSHARD and Queens—Services Sunday, 11 a.m.—1:30 p.m.—Sunday school, 10 a.m.—Rev. T. A. Jagers.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH—SERVICES, 11 a.m.—Sunday school, 10 a.m.—Graham at Hillside. Rev. W. F. Deuling, R.D., pastor.

SALVATION ARMY
THE CITADEL CORPS, 713 JOHNSON St. Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. school, 2 p.m.—Thursday and Saturday, 8 p.m.—All are welcome. Major and Mrs. Allan Ritchie.

FAMILY HOUR AND WATCH-NIGHT service at 10:30 tonight. Sunday meetings, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday school at 10:30. Catherine and Edward Sills.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS), 1829 Fern St. off Fort—Sunday meetings for worship, 11 a.m. Visitors are welcome.

SPIRITUALIST
FIRST UNITED SPIRITUALIST Church, 802 E. Hill, 1216 Broad St. 7:30 p.m.—Rev. E. Poppleton, address, subject, "The Future."

OPEN DOOR SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, 714 Comorant St. 7:30 p.m.—address, subject, "The Future." Monday, 7:45 p.m.—message circle. Thursday, 8 o'clock—prayer and message circle.

WEEK OF PRAYER
UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER—Y.W.C.A. MONDAY, JAN. 3, TO SATURDAY, JAN. 8, inclusive, each afternoon 3 to 4 o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend these meetings for prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST Church, Rev. W. L. McKay, B.A., B.D., Pastor. 11 a.m.—"GOING OUR TASK." Every Member Communion Service. 7:30 p.m.—"FACING THE NEW YEAR." 9:45 a.m.—Church School.

GOSPEL TABERNACLE
Christian and Missionary Alliance. Friday St. near Cook. Rev. Frederic M. Landis, Pastor. 11 a.m.—"MATTHEW LEVITS LOGS." Communion Service. 7:30 p.m.—"THE LORD'S LEFT."

St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church, Esquimalt: Holy communion 8 a.m.; Sunday school 10 a.m.; Choral Eucharist 11 a.m.; evensong and sermon 7 p.m.

Anglican Services

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

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Second Sunday After Christmas
HOLY COMMUNION—8 a.m.
CHILDREN'S EUCHARIST—9:45 a.m.
Address by the Dean
CHORAL EUCHARIST—11 a.m.
Presider, the Dean
Subject—"1944"
MISSION SERVICE—7:30 p.m.
Presider, the Dean
Subject—"Lassie Come Home; A Parable of the Soul Seeking God"

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NEW YEAR'S EVE
11:30 o'clock

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE
8 a.m.—Holy Communion (A.Y.P.A. Corporate)

11 o'clock—Morning Service and Communion

"EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW"

7:30 o'clock—Evening Service

"Man the Unconquerable"

Preacher at both services, the rector. 1:10 p.m.—Organ recital, Ian Galliford. Men and women of the forces and young people welcome to social hour after the evening service.

St. Mary's Church
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NEW YEAR'S DAY
January 1, 1944
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7:30 p.m.—"THE SINS THAT CRUCIFIED JESUS"
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7:30 p.m.—"THE IRON GATES"

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11 a.m.—"THE DAYS OF OUR YEARS"

7:30 p.m.—GUEST PREACHER
Captain A. Rapson, Padre of Forces, Otter Point

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11 a.m.—Church School; Junior, Beginners, Primary
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Pastor, REV. JOHN TURNER

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7:30 p.m.—"PROSPECT"

10:30 a.m.—Seniors; 11 a.m.—Primary
Services

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11 a.m.—Holy Communion
7:30 o'clock—Evensong and Sermon

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Rev. Emma M. Sully, Minister

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3 p.m.—"THE KINGDOM OF 1944"

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Thurs. 8 p.m.—Practical Christianity
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Well-Considered Immigration Program Postwar Necessity, Says C.P.R. President

By D. C. COLEMAN,
Chairman and President,
Canadian Pacific Railway.

Twelve months ago the railways of Canada entered upon what promised to be a year of such activity as had not been experienced in all their history. National production of foodstuffs and war materials was on a fast rising scale. The movement of armed forces and their equipment was steadily increasing, and upon the railways devolved the seemingly almost impossible task of moving these vast quantities of freight and unprecedented numbers of passengers and delivering them where and when they were required. It can well be a matter of pride to all railway officers and employees that throughout the year their efforts successfully have measured up to every requirement.

As in Great Britain and the United States, Canadian experience of the past four years has shown that the railways are the mainstay of the country's industrial effort.

It has been a year of many and great difficulties. To these, climatic troubles of last winter greatly contributed and for this and other reasons operating costs steadily moved upwards. Shortage of equipment and scarcity of labor were contributing adverse factors, but despite it all, wartime requirements have been met and the ordinary business of the country has in no way suffered by reason of the unprecedented traffic which the railways have been called upon to shoulder. Freight and passenger cars have carried heavier loads than ever before and engines have hauled longer trains. Freight cars reaching the end of their journeys have been reloaded and started back in record times, and improvements to operating facilities along the line have expedited their movement and further enhanced their safety in every direction.

LONG-TIME PLANNING

This higher standard of operating efficiency has not been achieved solely by reason of the effort of the past 12 months. In the case of the Canadian Pacific Railway it is the result of years of striving in that direction. Since the First Great War ended progress has been steady and without interruption, and the results which now are contributing so greatly to the national war effort are the fruits of long time planning and effective execution. Nor is this progress the result of great increase in physical facilities. Additions to rolling stock and motive power were meagre during the years of depressed business and fell far short of what ordinarily would have been considered normal requirements. During the war it has been necessary for national reasons to keep additions to equipment at a minimum. While this company's traffic load of the past year has been considerably greater than that experienced in any year of the previous war, the rolling stock and motive power available has been considerably less.

A comparison of Canadian Pacific operations in this respect

for the past year as compared with those of 1939 is of interest. The freight traffic of 1943 registered an increase of 70 per cent in ton miles, while the increase in passenger miles was about 250 per cent. Over the same period the average daily mileage of freight cars increased by more than 25 per cent, while passenger miles per train mile showed an increase of 185 per cent. The increase in gross ton miles hauled per locomotive was 50 per cent. In regard to the greatly increased passenger business this increase in load was achieved in part by curtailment of parlor car services on certain runs and of trains that in normal times had served summer resorts and tourist traffic generally. The attitude of the general public in this respect has been sympathetic and helpful. They have accepted resultant inconveniences as a wartime necessity.

PROUD OF CROP-HANDLING

Among the outstanding performances of the railway year the successful handling of an unusually heavy grain movement offers an interesting example of the efficient manner in which the country's transportation needs are served. For various reasons the movement started late and had to be concentrated into a comparatively short period. In the late fall the railways were met with a government request for a special effort in this direction. In order to cope with the need the Canadian Pacific objective set was for a movement of 350 cars daily from western points to the head of the lakes. From Aug. 1 to the middle of December this company delivered a daily average of 436 cars per working day. While the lakehead to eastern points movement was in progress we also delivered an average of 49 cars daily. During the crop moving period a total of 65,727 cars of grain were handled, a daily average of 582 cars over 113 working days. Of this performance Canadian Pacific men have reason to be proud.

The story of the Canadian Pacific year would be incomplete without reference to its more direct contribution to the flood of war materials Canada is sending to the battle areas. The year witnessed completion of the order for Valentine tanks in company shops which have since then turned to the production of engines for fighting ships, while the manufacture of naval guns and mountings and other smaller munitions continues to go forward according to requirements. This, of course, has been in addition to the abnormal strain of heavy demands on the company's shops for essential repairs and construction of rolling stock.

Canadian Pacific Air Lines are also making their important contribution to the company's war effort. Increased volume of war traffic has been added to operation of training schools and overhaul plants, which are being run as a war effort on a non-profit basis.

During the year Canadian Pacific contribution to Victory Loans totaled \$47,171,500, of which \$13,411,350 were personal contributions of officers and employees. This brings the total Canadian Pacific Victory Loan contribution in this war to \$90,698,850.

PREPARE FOR POSTWAR PERIOD

While this is by no means the time to enter upon the discounting of future victory or in any way to relax the continued all-out effort required to ensure it, we must recognize that in some directions the curve of war production shows a tendency to level off. It is obvious that, here and there, the peak of production has been passed. This tendency, however, is not so pronounced as to permit us to yet turn much of our energy towards postwar problems, for new requirements are constantly arising, but it is high time that they should be given serious thought and that the foundation for postwar planning should be constructively laid. We now have no reason to suppose that we are not entering upon another full year of war. As Lord Halifax has said, however, "Anything can happen," and it will not be well for us to be entirely unprepared if the end of the European struggle comes sooner than now is expected.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has already paid considerable attention to this aspect of its future activities. It will be remembered that some months ago the company appeared before the Special Committee of the House of Commons on Reconstruction and Re-establishment. At that time its presentation stated that a committee of its senior officers had been engaged in the preparation of plans for after-war extension and improvement of the company's facilities on the assumption that victory would be followed by full employment and reasonable continued prosperity as the normal situation of Canada. It then was foreseen that a vast amount of work lay ahead—much of it work that neces-

sarily had been felt undone during the stress of years of war, and there was much in the way of extension that might be carried out in the railway, in hotels and steamships, in air line services and other branches of the company's activities. All this was presaged upon the presumption that private enterprise would continue to be the base of Canada's economic activities, and that labor would continue loyally to co-operate with legitimate private capital, which would be permitted to earn such return as would encourage its investment. These postwar activities would enable the company directly and by material purchases to maintain its standard of employment in after-war days up to the wartime peak. Further detailed study by the company's committee has justified this expectation and has established the fact that a very large sum of the company's funds may wisely be spent in thus assisting the orderly transition from wartime conditions to peacetime prosperity guaranteed by full employment for the country's workers.

NO INDICATION OF SLOW-DOWN

Looking towards the future, I see no indication of a slowing down of Canada's industrial activity. For some time to come, any employment slack resulting here and there from cessation of work in war lines will be taken up quickly by renewed activities in peacetime occupations.

Canadian Pacific plans for the future are not based upon a presumption that this country's progress will come to a halt when the stimulus of war has ceased to exist. I doubt if we yet realize the extent of the industrial advances Canada has made over the past four years of the vast new resources that have been tapped as a part of the war effort. These, together with the greatly increased skill of our workers, remain with us and will play an important part in future development.

In the period that lay between the end of the First Great War and the opening of the present conflict, Canada made considerable forward strides, but not so great, perhaps, as had been anticipated, which may have been the result of lack of wise and timely planning. During those two decades the country added about 3,000,000 to its population, or not much more than might reasonably be expected from its natural increase. It is earnestly to be hoped that a well-considered program of immigration will be included in any plans that are made for the country's future. The measure of Canada's progress will be found in the increase of her productive population. We have the natural resources, but only men and women can turn them into wealth. However soon the war ends the country's burden of debt will be so great as to demand a large increase over prewar production to prevent it being a drag on our activities. Human effort, aided by adequate equipment, alone can ease the load. Canada's most immediate after-war need will be a wise and effective policy aimed at bringing to this country a large and desirable class of new citizens. Individual and business taxation is even now restrictive in its effect upon both trade and industry, and taxes upon business, in the last analysis, are either paid by the consuming individual or are destructive of enterprise. The most efficient factor in the lightening of this load of taxation and in the liquidation of the debts that make it necessary would be an appreciable and continued increase of population by means of the right kind of immigration. Concisely put, the urgent need is for more people whose efforts will add to the production of natural wealth and lighten the average individual load of taxation. The problem is a simple one, and its solution requires only an unprejudiced approach, together with a firm faith in the possibilities of Canada's future greatness.

Carpet Bowling

The Capital City and District Carpet Bowling League will commence the second half of the league schedule next week. The following matches are listed:

Monday
A.O.F. Robin Hood vs. Yarrows B.
Tuesday
Esquimalt vs. A.O.F. Friars,
A.O.F. Sherwood vs. Willows Rangers,
Willows Park vs. A.O.F. Beadles.
Wednesday
A.O.F. Sherwood vs. Esquimalt Rovers,
Yarrows C vs. Yarrows A.
Thursday
Willows Rangers vs. A.O.F. Robin Hood.

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On Being a Real Person... Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick

Great Personalities Generally
Have Been Inwardly Tortured

USE OF WORDS such as "singleness," "poise," "unity," "compactness," and "serenity" to describe a well-integrated life, may suggest a placid life, with all conflicts resolved, but such a picture of powerful and admirable personality is plainly false. The great souls have been inwardly tortured.

Wagner was, for the most part, no more serene than a stormy sea. Carlyle suffered much inner mutiny while trying to finish his history of the French Revolution that he said to his wife: "They may twiddle as they like about the miseries of a bad conscience; but I should like to know whether Judas Iscariot was more miserable than Thomas Carlyle who never did anything criminal, so far as he remembered."

Florence Nightingale had a desperate time finding herself, and wrote in her diary, "In my thirty-first year I see nothing desirable but death." Dwight L. Moody said, "I've had more trouble with D. L. Moody than with any other man I know." Beethoven went through perdition with his untold emotions, and when at last deafness closed in on him his inner struggle is only imperfectly voiced in his exclamation, "If I were only rid of this affliction I could embrace the world! ... No! I cannot endure it! I will seize fate by the throat; most assuredly it shall not get me wholly down."

As for the saints, they all understand Paul, "The good which I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I practice ... Wretched man that I am!"

Caruso Once Held Opera Curtain An Hour Because of Stage Fright

MEN and women with a positive "talent for turbulence," have achieved powerfully integrated lives. Seen from the outside, they exhibit extraordinary singleness and unity. Experienced from the inside, their lives involve a constant struggle to preserve the hegemony of their dominant aims over their competing motives, doubts and fears.

Bobby Jones, notable for his coolness on the golf links, said concerning one of his greatest games that he stood on the 18th fairway devoutly wishing that his knees would stop knocking together long enough for him to hit the ball. Caruso once delayed for nearly an hour the raising of the curtain at the Metropolitan Opera House because he had an attack of stage fright. John B. Gough, a marvelous orator, remarkable for his self-possession, once said that before each address he always felt, "This is the time when I shall fail."

BIOGRAPHER'S TRICKS

Writers of biography commonly select a few dominant patterns and simplify their portrait by an etcher's art. They present a much more orderly and single-minded individual than actually existed. Nevertheless, far from being at loose ends with themselves, such persons may have achieved a powerful concentration of purpose and drive.

Personality is dynamic; it is a going concern; like a river, its unity consists not in the absence of cross-current and back-eddies but in its total flow and main direction. A river can have rapids and waterfalls, and still move powerfully one way. While, therefore, there are fortunate dispositions gifted with temperamental calm, whose happiness lies in tranquility, they alone do not exhaust the meanings of integration. Some happiness is not calm but fierce.

So David Livingstone, after costly years of toil and suffering in Africa, doing what most of all he wanted to do said that he had

NOT MERE TRANQUILITY

If integration is the high good we have said it is, it cannot mean mere tranquility, where conflict ceases in an equable and steady calm, but must somehow include the range of fact that such tortured souls reveal. Who of us does not understand the conversation in James M. Barrie's "Sentimental Tommy?" "But you must decide!" Grizel almost screamed. "I needna," he stammered, "till we're at Tilledrum. Let's speak about some other thing." She rocked her arms, crying, "It is so easy to make up one's mind." "It's easy to you that has just one mind," he retorted with spirit, "but if you had as many minds as I have—!"

The key to the solution of this problem lies in the fact that integration is hierarchical. It involves the domination of some traits and purposes over others, and, like any government, it seldom, if ever, is so consummated as to quiet all dissent. It involves not only the harmonizing of conflicts but also the subjugation of revolts. It involves a scale of values, with some supreme value, or complex of associated values, so organizing life that one gladly foregoes lesser aims, and resists contradictory enticements, rather than sacrifice life's chief aim and highest worth. Moreover, it entails not alone the resolving of conflicts, but, where that is impossible, the toleration of conflicts, the candid, objective, sometimes humorous recognition of them, coupled with steady resolution to put first values first.

never made a sacrifice in his life. His experience had been full of struggle, inward and outward. He had buried his wife at Shupanga, crying, "Oh my Mary, my Mary! how often we have longed for a quiet home, since you and I were cast adrift at Kolobeng."

The unity of his life consisted not in the resolution and ending of all conflict, but in the toleration of certain inevitable conflicts under the dominance of a controlling purpose. Christ himself cried, "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say?" and in Gethsemane, "exceeding sorrowful even unto death," he prayed "in an agony" and "his sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground" but he was, at the very least, a marvelously integrated person.

Personalities, therefore, fall into three general classes. Some never get themselves together; they either fail to grow up into psychological maturity, or they go to pieces under strain.

Others do get themselves together but on low ethical levels; they become egotistic; they acquire absorbing devotions—money, prestige, fame, even alcohol—to the pursuit of which they subjugate all their powers; they fall under the spell of some single and unifying aim, concerning which they feel as Frederick the Great felt about glory—"Glory ... is folly, but it is folly that you cannot shake off when once you get it fastened upon you."

Still others, however, achieve well-organized lives on high levels. They find values supremely worthy of serving. Their lives become coherent, steady, one-directional. They identify themselves with something greater than themselves, to which they give themselves. They face inner tension and at times vehement struggle in maintaining the chosen pattern of their lives, but they maintain it. They become predictable characters.

Next Saturday: Modern freedom places great strain on the individual.

New Anthem for a New Russia

It happens rarely if ever in a country's history that its national anthem is changed. When it does happen, there's inevitably a good, big reason behind it, such as revolution or some other basic change. This is the case with Soviet Russia's abandonment of "The Internationale," with its ringing call for an uprising of "the prisoners of starvation" and "the wretched of the earth," in favor of a hymn dedicated only to "mighty Russia ... the great Soviet Union ... our free Motherland."

As the St. Louis Post-Dispatch says the former anthem was frankly revolutionary, and thus it suited the earlier phases of Soviet history. The new anthem is a patriotic and nationalist appeal, similar in spirit to the official songs of other countries. It has the same motif as our own "Star-Spangled Banner" and its tribute to "the home of the brave." The change thus sig-

nalizes the transition in official Soviet policy away from world revolution to the building and safeguarding of a powerful Russia.

This step is a natural sequel to the dissolution last May of the Comintern, theoretical central agency of world revolution. It is in keeping with the whole trend of Soviet policy, beginning with Lenin's New Economic Policy in 1922, away from Marxist doctrine to a nationalistic credo. Pure Marxism is virtually a crusading religion. Stalin's view is "The export of revolution is nonsense."

This shift has been clearly visible to all observers. Yet, strange to say, the theory that Russia wants to bolshevize Europe still lingers on. Perhaps the new anthem proclaiming "union indivisible" (words that any American could proudly apply to his own country) will help slay the aging dragon of Communist world conspiracy.

Hollywood Author Comes North Garnett Weston Satisfies Longing To Go Rustic At Sooke



Graymar—history of this Sooke home built with sweepstake winnings intrigues its new owner from the south.



Favorite hobby of this author's wife is looking after their 12 turkeys and 100 chickens.

By KAY MCINTYRE

GARNETT WESTON, top-notch Hollywood writer now making his home at Graymar, East Sooke, says that two things interest him above all else. They are war and motion pictures.

"There's no limit to the budget in either," he says. "Both supply unlimited interest and variety."

Garnett Weston should know. As a lieutenant he served with the Royal Navy during the last war navigating little ships taking it green over the bow in all kinds of weather. Then for more than 20 years he lived in Beverly Hills, hobnobbing with film's great, earning his place in the Hollywood writing for the movies, best-selling mystery novels and Broadway plays.

ADmits HE'S LAZY

We found Weston at Graymar the other day ready to chat about Hollywood, New York and London, just to mention a few of the places where he has lived in the 30 years since he was a youngster getting his start as a reporter on the old Vancouver World and the Sun, too, when the latter was still in its infancy. Remarks, penetrating and witty, gave spice to his conversation as he talked, glad as he said "for an excuse not to be writing, because, like most writers, I suffer from laziness and am always looking for an excuse to avoid the typewriter."

Thirty years ago Victoria and countryside were Weston's favorite haunts whenever he had a few days' holiday from his Vancouver job. Now he's amazed the intervening years haven't altered places like, this quiet Sooke retreat where he can work against time fulfilling what he terms romantic adventure stories for Cosmopolitan. "Intrigue for Three," first of the series of book-length features appeared recently.

Auburn-haired, blue-eyed Marion, Weston's Scottish wife, whom he married in Vancouver soon after his return from overseas, was at Graymar the other day, too.

"If you say anything about me," she chimed in at one point, "just say 'ay, pack and follow' is the message I've come home to find many a time. Garnett left for England and a contract with Elstree one time on 24 hours' notice. Then when it took me six months to get rid of the Beverly Hills house, I vowed we'd never buy again. We never did till we found Graymar."

Though the Westons lived in Hollywood more than 20 years they acquired none of the artificiality so often linked with the town with which the man in the street associates: many of its actors, directors and yes-men in bright berets, flaming suits and ankle-length polo coats. Weston wore a grey flannel suit of

English cut, his wife a conservative fine silk print.

Neither was there any trace of Hollywood's too-elaborate touch in the Weston's surroundings—furniture, ornaments and paintings acquired during their travels, their library lined with books from the Harvard classics to latest best sellers, their dining-room with its antique silver.

"Yet pictures of Hollywood with its harried producers and frantic directors is all true," he said. "But underneath there's an aspect all too often ignored. Hollywood means hard work, too. Despite some of the finished products no one starts out to make a bad picture."

No egotist, Weston admits to writing story and script for "White Zombie," which he describes as the world's worst picture, bar none. Total costs were a mere \$60,000, chicken feed in movie terms, five years ago and it grossed over a million and is still shown in Canadian and American theatres.

"It followed Dracula and came in on the crest of the wave of horror pictures," he said with a wry smile. "I'll back it against any other picture ever made anywhere as the world's worst."

WORKED WITH DRINKWATER

Pictures which he has turned over and for which he has a different regard include the "Build for Drummond" series for Ray Milland, "The Old-fashioned Way" with W.C. Fields, "The Ninth Guest" and "Daughter of Shanghai," starring Anna May Wong.

A contract with Elstree during 1936 saw him in England working in collaboration with the late John Drinkwater on the adaptation of "Mill on the Floss," in which Geraldine Fitzgerald, then a newcomer, was the star.

Weston's name has appeared on 75 pictures from California, he said, explaining that a writer must do at least one third of a movie script before he receives a credit line. He also did scenes and dialogue for dozens more.

"Imagine," he said, "six reporters going out for a story, none of whom had received any specified instructions and none of them knowing what the other was doing. That's the way movies are written. Then because so many worked on some stories, a writers' agreement finally set down the rule about doing at least a third before receiving credit."

Meanwhile he found time to accomplish a string of books well known to followers of mystery novels. Among them are "Murder on Shadow Island," "Murder in Haste," "Death Never Forgets," "Dead Men Are Dangerous," "The Black Candle," and "Dark Seas."

"There was no time to spend



Garnett Weston admits he's lazy, says he's always looking for an excuse to avoid the typewriter.



Graymar wouldn't be complete without Bradley, the horse Weston bought from a Victoria stable.

on books in the studios," he said. "So I write them in the middle of the night."

"I should say he does," added Mrs. Weston. "It was nothing unusual for him to be hard at work on a mystery story at 2 a.m."

A PIN-UP NOVEL

Of his latest novel, "The Undertaker Dies," he said, "It's a pin-up novel. It was published in England two years ago but the American publishers say it is filled with sex dynamite. For two years I've been trying to get it printed in New York and at last I've found someone who dares."

Here he has a word for the incongruity of American censorship which he said is all too apt to mold reading matter for the minds of 12-year-olds yet at the same time allows magazines not fit for people of any age.

Too busy enjoying life and too interested in every aspect of what's going on about him to be overly critical he nevertheless had this to say of Canada's regard for writers:

"I take a dim view of Canada from a literary standpoint. Writers are all too often regarded as loafers. There is little encouragement for them in this country. Generally the public doesn't seem to realize most of them are really hard working people."

Weston's first job in California was in the publicity department at Paramount. It was the heyday of silent pictures and he did publicity for such famous stars as Gloria Swanson, Thomas Meighan, Wallace Beery and the Polish girl who was making history at the time and whom he described as a combination of Picasso, perfume and feminine gullies.

The latter was the arch-enemy of Gloria Swanson and their battles both on the set and in private life led nothing to be desired in the way of material for a publicity man. If anything there were underdescribed, and had to be, in Weston's write-ups.

"One got \$3,000 and the other \$10,000 a week," said Mrs. Weston. You got the impression that he'd been an old, old story to her.

"It's time you became a super-

visor," the brother-in-law of Paramount's Jesse Lasky, with whom he used to go to boxing matches, told Weston one evening after he'd been doing publicity for 18 months.

A supervisor he became. This he said meant he was the man immediately responsible for assembling, story, writers and actors.

"There's a definition for a supervisor," said Weston. "If the pictures are successful the director gets the credit; if not, the supervisor gets fired. But, believe me, they make it worth your while being a supervisor."

Weston is inclined to agree with the Somerset Maugham character who said that anyone who despises money is either a fool or a hypocrite. He frankly admitted that he worked in Hollywood not only because he got such a big kick out of the place but also because he could earn more money there than anywhere else.

"But don't think we didn't earn it," he added and went on to tell of the high pressure under which everyone in the film capital labors. Often he was told: "We've got to go into production six weeks from now."

In just that time he would write story, script and dialogue, have the whole thing torn apart and put together again so the finished product looked nothing like the original. Then before the six weeks were up he would have to do a superintending building of sets and assembling the cast.

EVANGELIST THREATENS SUIT

In spite of the high tension, Weston also managed to write several plays produced on Broadway. Among them were "Undertow," which a female evangelist, whose California temple is known the world over, thought too closely paralleled her life and for which she threatened to sue him.

He says he will never for get the night the evangelist arrived backstage in New York, swathed in blue veils, her eyes heavy with blue mascara, accompanied by her mother. She came to announce she was about to bring suit, but later, after much argument to Weston's relief decided

NEW YEAR BELLS 1944

By Robert D. Duncan

THE bells have much to say tonight
And it is well to listen, not half-hear;
Beneath the brazen, cacophonous clamor,
Proclaiming birth once more of a new year.

A thousand-throated voice booms deep
In measured, solemn syllable it mourns
Our shining, flame-girt dead of year now gone.
And then in rising tone it grimly warns

Against erasing, as is human wont,
All memory of darkness, days nightmarish
The twelvemonth past has forged a blade
Still new; by it vast hordes must perish.

Before the Day of Light may dawn,
Cast off old, embrace the new, the bells intone,
Strength born of fire will vanquish heights ahead,
And end man's serfdom, that Peace may reign alone

The bells in Tokyo, Berlin
Toll forth no proud, determined din,
The undertone of each paced boom
Sepulchral is sounding, "Doom!"

Amateur Gardener

By E. L. F.

Every amateur gardener must learn to be an all-weather gardener. Right now, when the ground is not too wet for effective work, you should push on with the digging and manuring. When it is frosty, you can trim up the trees and shrubs, clean all the accumulated odds and ends from under hedges and along garden paths and fences. It is under all such rubbish that slugs and pests of every kind live through the winter.

In Victoria, winter is the season of damp, ugly moulds and fungus growth in the garden. These will get little chance of using their destructive powers on winter vegetables if you keep the garden clean and the soil healthy. Rake up all the fallen leaves from amongst the winter greens and pick off the yellow ones whenever it is necessary. If the earth is muggy and dank, loosen it up with a fork and keep it worked up for the rest of the winter.

Your first planting of Brussels sprouts may be nearly finished as far as the buttons are concerned, but you must remember each plant has a nice cabbage-like top that makes splendid cooking greens. When you cut this top, leave the stem in the ground. Side shoots will soon form and you will use the extra greens until the end of April or until they start to run to flower.

From your curly kale you will get both leaves and side shoots but be sure of the shoots it

by doing so she would only gain more adverse publicity than she had had already and propped the whole matter.

Other of his plays which appeared on Broadway included "A Lady Descends," and "Feast of Fools," the latter starring Elsie Bartlett and Theodore Von Eltz.

Now hard at work on the second of his Cosmopolitan series, Weston said his method is to write solid pages with little punctuation and no paragraphs. From this he develops his books and plays. At present he has written 11 solid pages and admits he has no idea where he's going from there. His favorite practice, especially where mystery novels are concerned, is to get an intriguing title like "The Undertaker Dies," then to write a story around it.

He used this method, too, in writing for the movies but invariably his producer changed the title, so when the picture came out absolutely nothing was left of the original.

Close to a nervous breakdown when he arrived last spring, he now feels in top condition.

"At first I nearly went crazy from the quiet," he said. "Now I'm getting so I want to hide in the woods when I see a car coming."

"But it wasn't always that way," he went on. "When we used to spend vacations up here, everyone we'd met and all our friends who were visiting Victoria from the south used to drive out till so many miles I thought of putting traffic lights on the gate."

When the Westons first came to Graymar, they had plans about buying cows, pigs, sheep. Unable to get any labor for the 60-acre estate, they were settled for 100 chicks, 12 turkeys and a horse. Bradley is the name of the latter and before Weston bought announced him he had a nasty reputation at a Victoria stable for

is wise when you start using the kale to cut out the hearts of the plants first. With hearts removed, side shoots spring to fast growth.

Did you sow winter spinach in the late fall? It should be ready for use by the end of February, if this mild weather continues. Give it every chance by hoeing the earth up around it to break any cold ground winds and, if you are lucky enough to have it, give the bed a dressing of well weathered soot every three weeks until the spinach is ready.

Now—for our New Year's resolutions! From the experience we have had in the past let us go forward into 1944 determined to grow only the vegetables and fruits that are most needed for day-to-day use—the vegetables that are highest in vitamin content. Let us correct mistakes and prevent waste of seed, fertilizers, produce, time and effort. Let us use every possible method to maintain the health of the soil in which our own health depends. Let us keep every piece of equipment, every rake and hoe and spade, in the best of working condition. Let us help our neighbors when they are short-handed and give those who are just beginning to garden the benefit of what we already know. Let us be thankful for sun and rain and wind alike, for healthy appetites and tired muscles and sound sleep. Doing all these things, we cannot fail to have bigger and better vegetable gardens in 1944!

tossing off riders with whom he didn't get along.

Weston loves to chat about the history of Graymar, as he does about Sooke and its residents, which intrigues him so much he plans to write a book about one of its better-known characters. Back in the house once more he told of this Englishman, Harold Hewitt, who searched world over for a blond, blue-eyed Viking girl, who he was convinced from his school-days was the only one for him and who lived at Sooke for a number of years. Hewitt wrote a journal of his life at Sooke which Weston has been reading.

But to get back to Graymar, the timbered structure was built in 1928 by Capt. and Mrs. J. E. B. Radcliffe with money won in a sweepstake. It has its own lighting system and an explosion in the powerhouse four months after the Radcliffes moved in caused them to pack up the next day and hurry off to England—never to return. The house remained unoccupied until 1939, when the Westons bought it as a summer home, holidaying there for a few months each year, till they came up from California recently to make Graymar their home for the duration.

"I'm not sure what I'll do after the war," he said. "Travel and write where I please part of the time and spend the rest here, I think."

Meanwhile the Westons think life at Graymar is ideal, save for one small item. The head of the house is looking for someone who will drop in occasionally and make good use of the piano in the drawing-room.

With characteristic honesty, Weston says they need have no knowledge of the classics.

"I've had to listen to that kind of music too often when I'd sooner be hearing something else. Musical comedy tunes and light opera are more to my taste."

Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

In looking back over the sports calendar for a busy 1943 one is struck by two major happenings. Number one on our list was the victory march of the Victoria Army to the Allan Cup final for the Canadian senior amateur hockey championship. For the first time in history this city placed a club into the last round of the Dominion's major hockey series.

Hockey held the ranking position on the winter sports map, with the Army club flashing brilliant form in the closing stages to take the Navy three straight in the playoff for the Island League championship. The troops experienced little trouble winning the B.C. final against the mainland R.C.A.F. club and from there on proceeded to knock over Calgary Currie Army and Winnipeg R.C.A.F. Bombers in their path to the national final against Ottawa Commandos. Although beaten by Commandos, a team composed of practically all former National Hockey League stars, the Victoria club put up a keen fight and covered itself with hockey glory. Success of the Army club was a distinct surprise to fans throughout the country and the source of a great deal of satisfaction to the local officials who had watched the team develop throughout the season.

Another season got away auspiciously in November with the Pacific Coast Hockey League back in operation. However, in recent weeks the service clubs have experienced some rude jolts. First of all the Army club, a definite Allan Cup threat, had its ranks split wide open with the departure of four stars, coach Bill Carse, Elmer Kreller, Mel Lund and Terry Reardon, to other parts. This was followed by the Navy losing Gordon Petrie and Glenn Richardson to the draft. Hardest blow was an Ottawa announcement, effective Jan. 6, withdrawing all R.C.A.F. clubs from leagues throughout Canada. This will mean the loss of the classy Sea Island Sea Hawks, but officials are working every angle in their efforts to keep the smart Flyers in the circuit.

Number two highlight of the sports year was the winning of the Canadian senior men's basketball championship by the Victoria Bay Gremlins. Paced by the deadly scoring of blonde Norman Baker, the Flyers captured a hectic playoff series from the local Army. Competition and feeling was so high between the pair that the deciding game was eventually transferred to a Vancouver court. Flyers eliminated the highly-regarded Varsity in the provincial final; took Edmonton R.C.A.F. for the western Canada honors, then had a fairly easy time beating Windsor for the Canadian crown. Gremlins have opened up the new season just where they left off last spring. To date the Flyers have beaten the local Army quintette every time out and, in addition, have two straight wins over Varsity in exhibition tilts. Just before the close of the season they received a nice Christmas present in the person of George (Forky) Andrews, who has been posted back to these parts and will be available for the lineup for the rest of the season. There has been talk of a new intercity league being introduced early in the new year.

Schriner's Goal Gives Red Deer Hockey Victory

RED DEER, Alta. (CP)—It took Calgary Tecumseh-Mustangs nearly six weeks to find its bearings but the team appears to be in the groove now and the Alberta Senior Hockey League enters the New Year with prospects bright for a well-balanced circuit. Defeated in its first four starts, Tecumseh-Mustangs surprised with a 3 to 2 victory over the Army Wheelers at Red Deer Dec. 20 and scored the only shutout of the season—a 1 to 0 victory over the same club last night. Wheelers now have won three and lost three, while Calgary Currie Barracks have won three and lost one in their four games to date.

Last night's game was a personal triumph for Dave (Sweeney) Schriner, long-time National Hockey League star who had been on the shelf since Nov. 27 with an injured leg. The fleet winger gathered in a rebound to score with only one second remaining of the second period.

The game was clean and fast throughout with only three penalties handed out. Sharing the spotlight with Schriner were Jim Henry in the Wheeler nets and goalkeeper Russ Dertell for Calgary who performed brilliantly.

The next league game will be played at Calgary Saturday between Tecumseh-Mustangs and Currie Barracks.

Scoring Leaders In Major Hockey

Elmer Lach, scoring ace for Montreal Canadiens in last night's lone National Hockey League game, collected two goals and four assists to steal seventh place in the points' list from his teammate, Buddy O'Connor, when his team whipped Detroit Red Wings 8 to 3.

Lach now has a total of 32 points. O'Connor scored one goal and one assist to give him 31 points.

Leaders follow:
O. A. P.
C. L. B. 29 46
C. L. B. 21 37
M. L. B. 17 37
D. B. 15 34
C. B. 14 34
C. B. 11 22
L. C. 11 22
L. C. 8 24

Presenting one of the finest clubs in local softball history, the Navy walked off with the Victoria League title and continued on to capture the British Columbia championship. The blue jackets went on a tour to the prairies and marked up more triumphs than defeats. Bob Whyte's Adverts took the women's crown but went down in defeat in the provincial playoffs against the Vancouver winners.

Table tennis continued to hold its popularity among the younger folk, with first and second divisions operating. City and club championships produced some smart play and the association opened another campaign with no lack of team entries. Despite a definite shortage of balls through a freezing order from Ottawa the league has continued to operate, although it is extremely doubtful if it could get through another season unless the restrictions are lifted or modified.

Basketball Touchdown



Myles Driscoll, 13, of Brooklyn St. Francis lands in perfect football touchdown-getter's pose. Tackler is teammate Joe Deegan. Sid Tannenbaum of New York University lifts arms in traditional touchdown signal. But this is basketball, and N.Y.U. won 52 to 30, at Madison Square Garden.

Flyers Smother St. Regis 9 to 2

NEW YORK (AP)—Branch Rickey predicted Thursday that if baseball doesn't show a little hustle it may be replaced by professional football as the national game in the United States in the next decade or so.

At a press conference during which he also forecast his belief that by the start of the 1944 season the draft status of ball players would be fixed for the entire campaign, removing the current uncertainty, the head of the Brooklyn Dodgers issued a sharp warning to baseball to do some missionary work for its future.

"We need baseball missionaries to go around the country. There should be 50 minor leagues in America (in peacetime) since transportation is no problem," he said. "We must recognize, too, the deterioration of high school baseball as a competitive game, and do something about it."

Turning to baseball's recently-appointed postwar planning committee, Rickey outlined the chief jobs as:

1. Reorganization of the minor leagues and development of a permanent program for the promotion of minor league baseball involving the support of both major leagues, giving more recognition to the majors than formerly.
2. Determining the contract status of players on baseball's national defence service lists.

Take Two-Game Lead

VANCOUVER (CP)—Sea Island R.C.A.F. Sea Hawks are making sure that if the air force headquarters hockey team sticks and they come to the end of the trail for this season by Jan. 6, they will go out in a blaze of glory.

The airmen, coached by Flt. Lt. Frank Fredrickson and Cpl. Bobby Kirk, wallowed Vancouver St. Regis 9 to 2 last night in a Pacific Coast League game and the win sent Sea Hawks into a four-point or two-game lead over the second-place Esquimalt Navy.

Showing a superiority over St. Regis for the full 60 minutes, the airmen went ahead 2 to 0 in the first period, increased the margin by 5 to 1 at the end of the second and then ran up a 9 to 1 lead before allowing the second St. Regis goal just 10 seconds before the final whistle.

Stan Blade fired both Sea Hawks goals in the first period, the first at 4:00 after a double pass from Leciari and Shamlock and the second at 14:46 after getting the puck from Lyle Swaney.

In the second period George (Wingy) Johnston took a pass from Johnny Quilty to make it 3 to 0 at 2:41 and then flipped in another on a solo effort at 5:56. Quilty increased the lead to 5 to 0 on a play with Jack Smith at 12:20.

The first St. Regis goal came at 17:15 with Romeo Martell scoring and Jerry Pettigrew and Lude Palm being credited with assists.

In the third Quilty, Johnston Smith and Ken Ullott all counted for Sea Hawks before Hal McBride got the second Vancouver goal.

SUMMARY
First period—1, R.C.A.F., Blade (Leciari, Shamlock), 4:00; 2, R.C.A.F., Blade (Swaney), 14:46. Penalty: Swaney.

Second period—3, R.C.A.F., Johnston (Quilty), 2:41; 4, R.C.A.F., Johnston, 5:56; 5, R.C.A.F., Quilty (Smith), 12:20; 6, St. Regis, Martell (Pettigrew, Palm), 17:15. Penalties: McBride (Quilty, Blade).

Third period—7, R.C.A.F., Ullott (Johnston, King), 7:45; 8, R.C.A.F., Smith, 13:05; 9, R.C.A.F., Johnston (Quilty), 14:09; 10, R.C.A.F., Quilty (Johnston), 18:22; 11, St. Regis, McBride, 19:50. Penalties: Swaney (major), Andrejckew (major).

their third straight victory over the Ottawa Commandos in an exhibition hockey game here on Thursday night by a 6 to 5 score but were forced into an overtime period to take the decision. Alex Motter poked home the winning tally just one second of playing time left in the overtime period.

Canadiens Whip Detroit
BALTIMORE (CP)—Curtis Bay Coastguard Cutters hung up

Lach, Richard Star

With Elmer Lach and Maurice Richard acting as scoring aces, Canadiens last night defeated Detroit Red Wings 8 to 3 to give them a nine-point lead in the N.H.L. race over second-place Boston Bruins who have 24 points.

Richard scored three goals and two assists, while Lach took two goals and four assists. The other cog in the powerful Canadiens' line was skipper Toe Blake, who took credit for two assists.

Jimmy Franks, who plays road games only for Wings, was at his best and even the Montreal fans cheered him for his brilliant saves. He was unable, however, to stand up to increasing pressure by Canadiens.

ROUGH GAME
Although the game was rough, there were only three penalties handed out. Goalie Bill Durnan, Montreal, was taken out for a few minutes in the middle round when he re-

Chinese Students, Macdonald's Tied In Table Tennis

The Victoria Table Tennis League has completed its first half schedule, and is prepared for an even closer league race when the 1944 matches start, Monday, Jan. 3.

The strong Chinese Students, and the well-balanced Macdonald's team, representing Macdonald Electric, are tied for top position for the first half of the senior division. Both teams have scored five victories in six matches.

The Liberty Cafe and R.A.F. Spitfires are tied for the next position, each with four wins and two defeats. Gnr. Gerard was best for the Cafemore, while ACL Jack Edgington starred for the Spitfires.

Sgt. Eric Walker's R.A.F. Hurricanes rest in fifth place, followed by the Jokers and Spark Plugs. Jokers have dropped out of second half play.

LEAGUE STANDING
Chinese Students 5 1 10
Macdonald's 5 1 10
R.A.F. Spitfires 4 2 8
Liberty Cafe 4 2 8
Jokers 3 3 6
Spark Plugs 3 3 6

The race for the trophy to be won by the player with the best individual average for the 1943-44 season's play remained close. George Lowe, finalist in the recent club tournament, stayed in the lead with 43 won and 5 lost. Browne-Cave, present club champion, remained in second place, followed by Peter Lou Po, whose improved play has been largely responsible for his team leading the league. Vic Tully, Eric Walker and Jack Edgington are tied for the next position, with 25 wins against 7 losses.

Leading players follow:
George Lowe 43 5 .86
Browne-Cave 38 8 .82
Peter Lou Po 38 8 .82
Vic Tully 35 7 .83
J. Edgington 35 7 .83
E. Walker 35 7 .83
A.C. Brown 30 12 .71
V. Russo 28 13 .68
Keith Olson 19 12 .61

SECOND DIVISION

The favored Mary Hill, R.C.A. team, scored a close 19 to 17 win over Prince Robert House to lead the second division standings. The Army lads won six matches against one defeat for a total of 12 points.

With two matches still to complete, H.M.C.S. Givenchy are in second place with 10 points. The Navy squad has won five games without a loss.

The youthful Chinese Youth Association team is third, having won four of their six fixtures. Prince Robert House are next, having two victories to their credit. However, only all-girls' team in the league, and Hollywood Club have each scored one win in seven matches.

LEAGUE STANDING
Mary Hill, R.C.A. 12 1
H.M.C.S. Givenchy 10 2
Chinese Youth Assn. 9 3
Prince Robert House 8 4
Hollywood Club 1 6

The race for the trophy to be won by the second division player with the best individual average for the season's play is close. Ken Darbyson, star player of the undefeated Givenchy team, leads with Gnr. Jack La-

honte, Mary Hill ace, in second place. Dick Lowe, who played for the Chinese Students in the first division last year, is next with 34 wins against 6 losses. Crowder, of the Givenchy team, is fifth.

Betty Reid leads the girls' averages. She scored a possible eight games against the league leading Mary Hill quartette for the first perfect score by a girl this season to date.

Leading players follow:
K. Darbyson 28 4 .875
Lahonte 21 4 .84
Dick Lowe 18 4 .82
Crowder (Givenchy) 17 5 .84
Reid 17 5 .84
Lest. Ken Ross 24 8 .75
F. Laune 24 14 .63

Racing Results

TROPICAL PARK—Horse racing results here Thursday follow:
First race—5 furlongs:
Chorus (Perimeter) \$4.10 \$2.50 \$2.00
Bus Girl (Fert) 7.70 4.40
Berth (Wingy) 2.30

Also ran: Chalera, Royal Court, Fay Greenock, Barney's Gal, Mythologist, Coats, Norwest, Breda, Picture Flag.
Second race—5 furlongs:
Blue and Grey (Ararat) \$4.30 \$2.10 \$2.50
Safety Match (Ararat) 5.90 4.50
Lutescent (Budo) 2.30

Also ran: New Flame, Rising Light, Blue Line, Merry Eyes, Chacoco.
Third race—6 furlongs:
Urge Me (Kerri) \$9.10 \$4.50 \$2.80
Fairy's Bunt (Chaggett) 5.60 3.50
Gut to Colors (Adams) 2.60

Also ran: Spang, Patricia A., King's Glory, Chorus, Gay King, Delight, Hayride, Astor, Robert F.
Fourth race—5 furlongs:
Tight Shoes (Atkinson) \$5.40 \$2.50 \$2.20
Aly Goss (Trot) 2.30 2.20
Cuzani (Orchfield) 2.40

Also ran: Poymellor, Flying Silver, Cable Creek (Perimeter) \$28.10 \$10.00 \$3.40
Foster (Atkinson) 4.40 2.50
Roman Box (Marinelli) 2.40
Also ran: Queen's Risk, Nocturnal Sun, Bruchow, Bar Crop.

Sixth race—5 furlongs:
Sir Peter (Orchfield) \$17.50 \$4.00 \$3.00
Birch Rod (Ararat) 4.70 2.80
Paw (Kerri) 2.50
Also ran: Cousin Nan, Zaca Rosa, Disposed, Rascal, Night Glow, Star Wish.

Seventh race—6 furlongs:
Gramp's Image (McCo) \$12.10 \$2.50 \$2.20
Instruct (Robert) 18.00 10.00
Compassion (Marinelli) 3.50
Also ran: Doctor Jap, Blue Beach, U.S. Salute, Miss U.S.O. Fortunatus.

Eighth race—Mile and a furlong:
Overturn (Bardwick) \$17.00 \$3.50 \$4.00
Marmetake (Ararat) 3.90 2.00
Happy Hunting (Morn) 2.50
Also ran: Bass Fiddle, Cyrus F., Charlene, Speedway, Mount Springs.

CINCINNATI (AP)—Tommy Botts, 60, widely-known racehorse trainer and turfman, died here Thursday, three weeks after undergoing a major operation.

Washington Huskies 3 to 1 Bowl Choice

Battle With Trojans Will Draw 96,000

NEW YORK (AP)—The college football season ends tomorrow in a line-up of bowl games in which a team that hasn't played for nine weeks is the 3 to 1 favorite in the Rose Bowl. The program is expected to lure some 340,000 spectators out into the fresh air New Year's Day and has two pairs of eleven meeting for a second time this season, the Oil Bowl making its debut at Houston, Tex., and five teams giving all their receipts to charity.

Washington, orphaned member of the northwest Pacific coast setup, registered the fourth victory of its schedule on Oct. 30 and then went into a nine-week hibernation. The Trojans of Southern California, six times a Rose Bowl winner, offer the opposition.

Some 96,000 fans have tickets and \$45,000 will be skimmed from the gross receipts for war charities.

All the monies above expenses at the east-west game in San Francisco and the Sun Bowl contest at El Paso, Tex., involving New Mexico and Southwestern of Texas, also will be spent the same way.

In addition, Randolph Field's Flies will contribute their cut of the Cotton Bowl purse to the Army Air Forces Aid Society. The fliers will oppose the Longhorns of Texas, who have the best pass defensive outfit. That clash will have an audience of 35,000.

Coach Bernie Moore of Louisiana State and Homer Norton of Texas A. and M. are interrupting their mutual admiration society long enough to replay their Oct. 9 clash in Miami's Orange Bowl.

In the first struggle, the Texas Kaydets triumphed 28 to 13. Tulsa's unbeaten 4-F's are betting underdogs in the Sugar Bowl classic with three beaten Georgia Tech.

EXPECT PASSING RECORD

A new forward passing record of some sort is in prospect for the Sugar Bowl when Georgia Tech's Eddie Prokop and Claude Lefore of Tulsa turn on their aerial wizardry.

Given a break in the weather, Lefore and Prokop will be shooting at the record of nine successful completions registered by Glenn Dobbs against Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl last Jan. 1.

In seven games during 1943, Lefore completed 43 of 90 passes for 537 yards and threw for eight touchdowns.

Figures aren't available on Prokop's passing. You can't hide the fact, however, that Eddie pitched his team to one-sided wins over Louisiana State, Tulane, Clemson and Georgia, and had good averages against Notre Dame, Navy and Duke.

TEXAS LOSES STAR

Coaches and players agreed that the Orange Bowl game will be a spectacle of high scoring and action, but favored Texas A. and M. slipped and Louisiana State University gained in the betting odds.

The differing response of two injured stars caused the shift. The Aggies' Marion Flannagan,

Hockey Standings

N.H.L.					
	W	L	D	F	P
Canadiens	15	2	3	36	42
Boston	10	8	4	104	103
Toronto	10	10	2	96	92
Chicago	10	10	0	87	92
Detroit	7	10	4	74	90
Rangers	4	15	1	73	111

COAST LEAGUE

	W	L	D	F	P
R.C.A.F.	9	1	2	70	45
Navy	7	3	2	45	34
M.D.	6	5	1	49	53
Army	6	7	0	65	51
St. Regis	3	11	1	52	83
C.P.A.L.	2	6	2	41	56

Promising New Year For Horse Racing

NEW YORK (AP)—Herbert Bayard Swope reported Thursday that racing in the United States not only had a "highly successful" year in 1943, but that things look "highly promising" for 1944.

"The public wants racing," he declared, and backed up the assertion with figures showing that the turf has just hit its all-time high in the United States, particularly in New York.

As evidence of public support for racing, Swope pointed to the \$710,729,432 in pari-mutuel betting in the United States this year—in New York alone it was \$284,635,711—and to the 14,000,000 fans who saw the gallopers run.

"With greater crowds than ever attending the races . . . all over the country, the breeding industry recovered its confidence during 1943. . . . There are now 808 breeding establishments in the country as compared to 834 in 1942," he continued.

Throughout the country, added Swope, who, as chairman of the Turf Committee of America directs racing's charity and war efforts, the sport contributed \$5,000,000 in 1943 for a two-year total of \$8,000,000.

Win Swim Trophies

In the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club competitions held Thursday night at the Crystal Garden, Doreen Buckingham won the Armstrong Cup after finishing in a dead heat with Joan Snape.

In the race-off Miss Buckingham won by inches. Eric Jubb retained possession of the executive cup with his brother, Ray, finishing second.

key man in the Texas backfield, twisted his ailing knee yesterday and coach Homer Norton said he would not be able to play.

Steve Van Buren, LSU's line-cracking back who watched the last two games of the regular season from the bench, romped in practice as if his ankle had never been hurt.

Coach Bernie Moore was jubilant over Van Buren's showing while Norton was glum.

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2 Women Attacked; 1 Beaten, 1 Robbed

One woman was recovering at Royal Jubilee Hospital today when she was attacked by a man on Moss St. Thursday night. A 16-year-old girl early this morning was knocked to the ground and robbed in Victoria West.

Police conducted extensive searches of both districts but have been unable to locate either attacker, although a youth was picked up in connection with the Moss Street attack.

The 40-year-old wife reported she was walking south in the 600 block Moss Street when a man stepped to the sidewalk and knocked her to the ground. She suffered cuts over the left temple and on the left side of the head.

She was attended by Dr. T. Jones.

Later police picked up a 15-year-old boy who they took to the hospital. He was released when the woman made no identification.

Stepping off a streetcar at 12:30 this morning, the 16-year-old girl was walking along a lane behind Victoria West School when a young man stepped out from behind some bushes and put his arm around her waist, she told police.

The youth kicked her feet out from under her so she fell to the ground striking her forehead on the gravel path. She screamed and struggled with the youth on the ground and he finally broke away, taking her purse which contained no money.

Police said the girl suffered only bruises and shock.

Girl War Workers Laid Off in East Get Other Jobs

Women workers let out in layoffs of eastern war plants have to date been placed in "comparable employment," Mrs. Rex Eaton, associate director of National Selective Service, Ottawa, said in an interview Thursday, at the Victoria office of Selective Service.

On a cross-country tour to confer with local Selective Service officers, Mrs. Eaton left the city Thursday by the afternoon boat. "There is no real surplus of women and no real shortages," she said. "There is a levelling off and balancing in the matter of employment now. We have been able to place women let out in layoffs in employment, because there are other occupations available."

Mrs. Eaton spoke of the many civilian services, mentioning particularly hotels, restaurants, laundries and textile manufacturing firms, which she said had to be "skipped" of labor in order to supply high priority industries. Women, she felt, had done an excellent job in Canada during the present war, and did not expect that they would be discriminated against in any layoffs in shipyards and other types of war-time industry. The number and type of worker let out would depend on the nature of the work being curtailed, she said. In the east when layoffs are expected, she continued, National Selective Service officers go directly to the plants in many instances, and interview girls and women about to be let out, with a view to finding them other employment.

"Movement of prairie girls to wartime jobs in the east has practically stopped," Mrs. Eaton said.

"We are at peak employment; the increase in employment of last year will not be repeated this year. There are 1,200,000 women employed in Canada now, nearly double the number employed in 1939."

Paying tribute to the women of Canada for the manner in which they answered calls to enter the labor market, Mrs. Eaton stated that in August in Toronto there was an urgent need for 3,500 workers for war plants. There was apparently no labor supply available she said, but following a publicity campaign 5,200 women answered the call and were placed in full time employment.

Monthly meeting of Victoria and District Chrysanthemum Society will be held at the City Hall next Thursday at 8. Members will receive further instruction on cuttings.

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With Our Servicemen

By DICK FREEMAN
Cruising shore patrol spotted a sailor posting a letter in town and promptly picked him up. It's a breach of regulations, apparently, for a navy man to post mail outside prescribed naval limits.

Suspicion was aroused also by the fact that the sailor was unconventionally dressed. He wore khaki battle dress of army issue and a round sailor's cap. His "hook" and other identifying naval badges, however, were stitched on the sleeve of his coat.

Shore patrol thought he was masquerading and invited him to go along to police headquarters for questioning. He was soon allowed to go on his way.

The sailor proved to be L.S. Harry Francis, 542 Ellice Street, home on leave after months of active service in one of the hottest theatres of war. He was an engineer of one of the hundreds of landing barges which put the troops ashore in Sicily and on the Italian boot. This column Wednesday carried an interview with Francis and his chum, Cox'n Francis H. Coverdale, telling of their work in the Mediterranean show. Accompanying picture showed him in the battle dress. He's not talking must about it, but it was learned that his own uniform was in such shape after the scrap on the Sicilian beaches that it had to be discarded. One of the soldiers of the 1st Canadian Division came to his rescue with the army suit Francis came home in.

Donald Albert Bystedt, 540 Dallas Road; William Wallace Walker, Port Alberni, and Francis Henry Joyce, Alberni, enlisted in the Canadian Active Army this week at the Bay Street Armories.

Lieut. Ivor Baldwin, R.C.A.F., and Lieut. Montgomery Tyrwhitt Drake, R.C.H., who have been spending Christmas leave at the home of the latter's parents, 1601 Belmont Avenue, returned Thursday to Port Alberni to resume their duties.

Fit. Lt. W. H. (Billy) Dumsday, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dumsday; Mount Tolmie, is now stationed in India as intelligence officer under the command of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten. Dumsday was formerly day editor of the Canadian Press in Toronto. He was married in Victoria and went overseas last February.

Wing Cmdr. R. E. Horsfield, R.C.A.F., is at present posted at Patricia Bay.

TOWN TOPICS

Eight motorists paid a total of \$22.50 in parking and traffic fines in city court today.

Monthly meeting of the Aged Pensioners' Association will be held Tuesday at 2:30 in First Baptist Church.

Provincial Museum will be closed New Year's Day, but will be open to the public as usual on Sunday from 1 to 5.

Guilty of dangerous driving Dec. 26, at Belleville and Government, where his car was in a collision, John King today was fined \$25 in city court.

John McGregor, 2587 Graham, told police Thursday that while riding his bicycle on the Point Ellice Bridge he was struck by a car which attempted to pass a streetcar. He said the car was driven by Mrs. Robin Murray, 816 Esquimalt Road.

Jas. H. Beatty and Ald. W. H. Davies, trustees of the Fred Landsberg Aged Men's Fund, have made arrangements for the inmates of the Aged Men's Home to be entertained tomorrow by Cecil Heaton's orchestra and several well-known local artists.

The city zoning board of appeal Thursday gave conditional approval to C. and W. Langthorne's request to convert 1823 Chestnut into a two-family residence; to the National Housing Administration's plans to make 1150 Summit Avenue into a six suite apartment; to W. Green's proposal to change 22 Garbally Road into a two-family home, and F. J. Waldern's request to convert 1413 Fernwood into a two-family residence.

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Victoria City Shows Lead in \$2,078,786 Building Program

December, during which work of a total value of \$112,349 was reported, carried city construction figures for the year up to \$1,111,188, a total comfortably above 1942's \$1,015,962, despite continued restrictions on home building.

The Victoria total was over half the combined figure of all municipalities in the area, including the city. The major figure was \$2,078,786, with Esquimalt reporting \$454,408, Saanich \$287,693 and Oak Bay \$215,497.

This month's city figure included year-end work reported by federal and provincial governments.

During the month five dwellings were erected at costs totaling \$15,300, while 14 alterations, including several conversions to increase dwelling accommodation, accounted for another \$3,735.

Throughout the year 94 dwellings valued at \$271,765, seven duplexes worth \$36,400 and two apartments listed at \$18,000 were built.

Home construction was well below that of last year, when 154 dwellings were built at reported prices aggregating \$403,525.

Highlights of the year's building in the city were construction of 50 more homes by Wartime Housing Ltd. at a cost of approximately \$125,000 and extensions to the V.M.D. plant.

One hundred and fifty-two permits for construction amounting to \$454,408 were issued in the municipality of Esquimalt in the year 1943, P. J. McCulloch, building inspector, announced today.

Largest contract was that of Wartime Housing Limited for construction amounting to \$280,000. A permit for a \$5,000 stucco garage and fire hall for the municipality was issued and there were two permits for houses costing \$3,500 each.

The figures for 1943 were slightly below those of 1942, when 175 permits were issued for construction to cost \$327,493.

SAANICH
Permits for 97 new houses were issued in Saanich in 1943 against 152 in 1942. The value of new houses in 1943 was \$188,930 and in 1942, \$360,297.

Total number of permits issued in 1943 was 518 for building, valued at \$297,693. In 1942, 455 permits were issued for new buildings and repairs valued at \$421,128.

OAK BAY
Although less houses were built in Oak Bay during 1943 than in the previous year, the average cost per house was higher.

In 1942, 55 houses with an average cost of \$3,481 were built compared to only 34 houses averaging \$3,579 this year. Total value of new homes was \$191,460 in 1942, and \$121,700 in 1943. Total number of permits for 1943 were 126, valued at \$215,497 as compared to 146 valued at \$221,480 in the corresponding period in the 12 months preceding.

During December, Oak Bay reported four houses of a total value of \$13,200, and 10 permits covering values of \$14,010. In December, 1942, three houses were built, costing \$10,700, and 11 permits issued with over-all value of \$13,783.

**Last Rites Held
For Capt. Corry Wood**

Funeral services for Capt. J. G. Corry Wood, veteran Red Cross leader, were conducted by Rev. K. L. Sanderson in St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Thursday morning, at 11 o'clock.

Representatives of Canadian Legion branches and of the Canadian Red Cross followed the cortege to Royal Oak, where the body was cremated. A large number of friends and associates attended the funeral.

W. Morton Paterson, president of Victoria and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross, represented that organization; the Provincial Division of the Red Cross was represented by Steward G. Clark, and Miss Alice G. White, executive secretary, of Vancouver. Other members of the Red Cross present were: W. P. D. Pemberton, Maj. H. W. Walker, Lieut.-Col. R. S. Worsley.

J. Fox, president of the Pro Patria Branch, Canadian Legion; Clement A. Gill, secretary; Lieut.-Col. W. N. Winsby, first vice-president; Albert Hull, past president; Robert Knight and William Douglas, secretary of the Saanich Peninsula Branch, were pallbearers. Capt. Wood was a former president of the Saanich Peninsula Branch, and a past president of the Pro Patria Branch.

Sir Richard and Lady Lake, Arthur Crease and Guy Benning, both of the Pro Patria Branch, were among the mourners.

**Wore Sailor's Uniform
Woman Pays \$5 Fine**

A woman was fined \$5 in city court today on pleading guilty to a charge of wearing a sailor's uniform.

Constable E. A. Parry said he saw the woman Christmas Day in a Yates Street cafe. She had on a round rig and naval great coat, he said.

The woman said she had been attending a party in the cafe and had been drinking.

"It's very important in wartime that this thing should not go on," Magistrate H. C. Hall said.

Police said the sailor, whose uniform the women had been wearing, had been turned over to the naval shore patrol. He was wearing the woman's clothes, they said.

Woman Hit By Truck

Struck down at Quadra and Kings Road at 4 Thursday afternoon by a truck, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Peet, 64 Royal Oak, was reported today to be progressing fairly well at Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Mrs. Peet, a cyclist, suffered a possible fracture at the base of the skull when her machine was struck by a truck driven north on Quadra by Hardial Singh, 2814 Nanaimo Street. Police said Mrs. Peet, who was going east on Kings Road and turning north on to Quadra, was accompanied by her husband, J. J. Peet.

Dr. E. L. McNeven attended. A. G. Cormack, 824 Cowper, told police Thursday that while riding his bicycle south on Government, he was sideswiped by a truck which he said was driven by S. C. Sangster, Metchosis.

Cormack said he was badly shaken up and his bicycle was damaged in the collision which occurred on Wharf Street.

**Thieves Rob Homes
Of Wood, Coal, Jam**

Theft of coal, wood, jam and cash was reported to police Thursday by three householders who said their homes had been entered.

Mrs. A. Grierson, 303 Langford, said a thief Thursday took a quarter ton of coal and some wood from the back of her house.

Mrs. T. Williams, 2815 Cook, said thieves breaking into her house had ransacked several bedroom drawers but nothing was missing.

Lim Bang, 1036 Balmoral, said \$7 in cash, candy and cigarettes were missing after his home was entered.

Theft of jam from her basement was reported by Mrs. M. Dew, 2616 Prior Street.

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Steam Pipe Bursts In Train; Kills Man

OTTAWA (CP) — Two rail-
roaders, A. Valliere, 30, of Li-
moges, Que., and M. S. Cybulski,
30, of Barry's Bay, Ont., were in
hospital here today in "quite
serious condition," following the
bursting of a steam pipe in a
C.N.R. freight engine, near Alex-
andria, Ont., which fatally in-
jured T. C. Reasbeck, 54, Ottawa,
the engineer.

Cybulski, fireman, and Valliere,
brakeman, suffered scalds on the
hands, face and ankles when the
pipe exploded, and Cybulski also
suffered a deep scalp wound.
Live steam flooded into the
cab of the locomotive as the train
was pulling 55 cars up a grade
near Alexandria, about 55 miles
east of Ottawa. Reasbeck was
thrown through the cab window
by the explosion. The train, which
continued to roll forward after
the explosion, finally was stopped
about three-quarters of a mile
east of the point where Reasbeck
was found.

Crewmen put out fires to stop
the fast C.N.R. Transcontinental
No. 1 Train from Montreal, which
was following the freight. The
Transcontinental was halted at
Alexandria, however, and later
pushed the freight into Green-
field, Ont., and took the injured
men aboard.

It was at first believed the
freight engine's boiler had ex-
ploded, but later it was found
the steam pipe had burst.

Says B.C.'s Future Lies in Industries

The future of British Colum-
bia, Dr. James F. Walker, deputy
minister of mines, told the Ro-
tary Club, Thursday, lies in bet-
ter utilization of raw materials
and in industrial development.

Speaking on "Impressions of
British Columbia's Natural Re-
sources," Dr. Walker said the
province had not a tremendous
amount of arable land, and said
that while some had the impres-
sion logged-off areas had been
ruined, reforestation was taking
place.

He said water power could be
developed in B.C. to compete
with any plant in the world, not
excepting Sweden, but industries,
he added, to use this power must
be lined up before such develop-
ment could be undertaken.

Dealing with minerals, he men-
tioned specifically the gold fields
of the north which would be
opened up by air transportation,
and the great oil fields in the
areas south of the Peace and
Liard Rivers.

"Scenery is a big asset, but
tourism should not be the only
asset," he said.
"We have been using, or ex-
ploiting, the natural resources
for a long time," he said, "but
you cannot establish an industry
without a market."

Washington Senators Looking for Catcher

WASHINGTON (AP) — The
army may call his knuckleball
catching catcher, Jake Early, but
owner Clark Griffith of the
Washington Senators is not hang-
ing up the "for-sale-or-trade"
sign on any of his three star
knuckleball hurlers.

"I'm worrying about finding
someone to catch those boys,"
Griffith said Thursday, referring
to pitchers Dutch Leonard, "Sil-
ent John" Niggeling and Roger
Wolf, who comes to the Sena-
tors in the Buck Newson deal
with the Philadelphia Athletics.
"Some catchers can handle
knuckleballers," Griffith said.
"You've got to be ready for the
ball to break in any direction
when a knuckler is on the mound,
have quick reflexes, shift quickly
on your feet and work hard."



Robert Wood, 18, son of Mrs.
S. F. Wood, 2137 Central Avenue,
senior cadet and one of the five
cadet captains now studying at
Royal Canadian Naval College
for navy careers. Wood was
born in India, lived there seven
years, was in England up to the
end of 1940, making his home
in Dover. He vividly remembers
the Nazi aerial and heavy-gun
cross-channel blitz at Dover. He
later resided in Charlottetown,
P.E.I., moving to Victoria last
year. While in Prince Edward
Island, Wood took a course in
deep-sea diving.



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Count Sforza Writes of Crisis Facing Italy—King's Abdication Or Creation of Second Vichy

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long exile in the U.S., Count
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By COUNT CARLO SFORZA

NAPLES.
FASCISM has been like a can-
cer. It has been eliminated
from the "lily" body of Italy,
but hidden hypocritical disease
is taking its place in the invisible
attempts of accomplices of Fascism
who are trying to persuade
Italians that the long and fatal
tranny of Mussolini and the
criminal war against democratic
nationalism have been normal his-
torical episodes for which nobody
is guilty and on which silence
should be kept.

This attempt was made by way
of the present king and the gen-
erals who ordered Italians not to
fight the Germans last Septem-
ber. They want to create a new
Vichy, an Italian edition of the
Petain regime.

How would it be possible to
create an enthusiastic atmosphere
for war against Germany in Italy
when an attempt is made to give
even greater authority than in the
past to a king who accepted so
gladly to make war on Great
Britain and the United States?

MUST FIGHT NAZIS
There is not a single respon-
sible Italian who thinks that this
is the moment to discuss the
question of monarchy versus the
republic. There is only one duty
of all Italians today: war on Ger-
many. But just as it is impossible
to think of the French revolting
against the Germans in the name
of Petain, it is equally impossible
to think that Italians may rally
around the king who signed so
many proclamations in favor of
Germany.

When an immense majority of
Italians ask for abdication by the
present king, and when so many
among them are in favor of a
regency in the hand of Badoglio,
the most reactionary monarchist
(in Italy and abroad) should not
forget that the formula of abdic-
ation, far from being revolution-
ary, is one of the most orthodox
instruments of monarchial tradi-
tion. It is the best way available
when a nation desires to keep
alive a monarchy—for the time
being, at least—while getting rid
of a monarch who, through crimes
or perjuries or even only through
disasters, is no longer possible as
the head of a country.

Why then does King Victor
Emmanuel so strongly object to
an abdication of which his great,
great grandfather, King Charles
Albert, gave an example in 1841
after the Austrian Empire de-
feated him at Novara?

BETRAYED DUTY

There is one and only one rea-
son: The king—as I have said
above—has become a symbol of
certain generals who betrayed
their duty last September when
they disarmed Italian troops
which were ready to fight the
Germans. An implicit conspiracy
of Fascist and ex-Fascist officials
and of guilty generals—all of
whom hate Badoglio—tried to
create an artificial atmosphere
persuading the Italian nation that
20 years of Fascist tyrannical
corruption and three years of
war may be forgotten without



Count Carlo Sforza. "There is
only one duty of all Italians to-
day: war on Germany."

any sanction.
Abroad, a few misinformed
groups seem to believe that ac-
quittal of the present king might
mean elimination of political dis-
cussions, with the result that all
Italians would unite in what is
our supreme duty—war against
the Germans. But this is not so
because Italians have suffered too
much from the war which was
imposed on them by Mussolini
and which the sovereign ratified
although many Italians warned
him against it.

Warned by two Italian generals
that war had been decided upon,
I wrote a letter to the king on May
30, 1940, telling him all the rea-
sons why Great Britain would re-
sist heroically, and that in the long
run the United States would join
in the struggle against the totali-
tarian regimes. "I know the
United States," I added, "America
will astonish the world with the
most gigantic military effort ever
seen. If you give your name to
this mad war you will ruin Italy.
And what perhaps interests you
even more, you will destroy the
old historical links between the
Italian nation and your house."

PAID NO ATTENTION
Unfortunately, for him, but
even more unfortunately for
Italy, the king did not give atten-
tion to the warnings of Italian
who wanted to save him from
the most tragic of his errors. Suc-
cessively he signed, without hesi-
tation, declarations of war against
France, which had already been
defeated; against Great Britain;
against the United States, where
5,000,000 good American citizens
are of Italian origin; against
Yugoslavia and Greece, which
had been among Italy's best citi-
zens in oriental Europe.

What is most strange is that
some badly-informed conserva-
tives abroad think that abdication
by the present king might mean
the loss of a bulwark of social
conservatism. On the contrary,
the status quo may only create
new adepts to the cause of com-
munism. It has happened fre-
quently in the history of Europe
that certain blind and ungenerous
conservatives are the best pro-
moters of revolution.

FREDERICK, Md. (AP)—Char-
ley Keller, New York Yankee
outfielder, said Thursday he ex-
pected to report to the St. Peters-
burg, Fla., training station Jan.
20 to assume the duties of an en-
sign in the United States mari-
time service.

C.C.F. Committees Continue Study Of Constitutional Issue

REGINA (CP) — Committees
chosen from the 25 delegates
attending the C.C.F. national con-
ference here continued study to-
day of possible constitutional
amendments and financial read-
justments necessary in the Do-
minion to bring full production,
complete use of economic re-
sources and employment.

The conference decided Thurs-
day that continued expansion of
economic productive activity in
the Dominion after the war is
necessary to provide a proper
basis for increased social security
measures and improved educa-
tional systems.

Increased financial assistance
to each province from the Do-
minion government and adoption
of the C.C.F. policy of "A
greater expansion of public pro-
duction assets within the pro-
vince" were suggested as a solu-
tion to bring about increased
social services.

Delegates were urged to face
the limitations of any C.C.F. pro-
vincial government under exist-
ing financial and constitutional
structures in the financing of
greater social services, said An-
drew Brewin, vice-president of
the Ontario C.C.F. section and
spokesman for the conference's
press committee.

Other discussions included de-
velopment of industrial and
natural resources under C.C.F.
policies of public ownership.
The conference was called to
co-ordinate provincial C.C.F.
policies and define them in re-
lation to federal policies.

At the opening session Thurs-
day, M. J. Caldwell, Dominion
leader, forecast economic and
social chaos, ending in some
form of totalitarian dictatorship
in Canada if the C.C.F. failed to
obtain reforms to which the
party is pledged.

Prof. Frank Scott of Montreal,
national chairman, said the
C.C.F. idea of centralization is in
principle the same as that on
which the present British North
America Act is built. It merely
seeks to bring the constitution
into line with existing social
and economic facts, he added.

2,204 Sunny Hours For City in 1943

The sun shone down on Vic-
toria for 2,204 hours during the
year 1943, to give citizens 71
more hours of sunshine than
normal—but not sufficient to set
a new record—William Burton,
superintendent of the Meteor-
ological Observatory at Gonzales
Hill, said today as he gave his
weather report for 11 months of
1943.

"It has been an exceptionally
dry year," Mr. Burton said as he
picked out the January cold spell
and the record low precipitation
of November, as the year's
weather highlights. (See page 5
for weather story.)

OAK BAY AND PLAZA THEATRES

Popular entertainers, Helen
Young, Gene Williams and the
Four Teens, are appearing with
Johnny Long and his orchestra
in "Hit the Ice," Universal's latest
Abbott and Costello comedy,
which is now at the Oak Bay and
Plaza Theatres. Ginny Simms,
famous screen and radio per-
sonality, heads a large supporting
cast and sings four special songs
in the action-filled funfilm.
(Other Theatre Readers on
Page 13.)

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fenses against colds, and so helps prevent many
colds developing—if used in time. Try
it! Follow directions in the package. **VA-TRO-NOL**

Red Skelton Show At Atlas Friday

When he appeared in "Whist-
ling in Dixie," Red Skelton
played a dual role. In his cur-
rent cinema chore, M.C.-M's
Whistling in Brooklyn, coming
Friday midnight to Atlas The-
atre, starring Red Skelton, with
Ann Rutherford and Jean Rogers,
"Rags" role has been cut in half.
"Rags" is cast as Chester, a lion-
hearted, muddle-headed chauf-
feur who appoints himself the
press agent of Red Skelton, again
playing "The Fox," and involves
the whole company in a series of
hilarious adventures.

CADET THEATRE
"Never have so many owed so
much to so few." Winston Church-
ill's famous phrase is given im-
mortal meaning by the dramatic
and factual story of Britain's
fighter plane, told in "Spitfire,"
Samuel Goldwyn's presentation
released by RKO Radio starring
Leslie Howard and David Niven.

RIO THEATRE
Prized possession of Molly Lam-
ont, leading lady of Republic's
"A Gentle Gangster," currently
appearing at the Rio Theatre, is
a necklace made of rough gold
nuggets mined by her grandfather
in Johannesburg, Africa. She is
currently appearing opposite Bar-
ton MacLane in Republic's "A
Gentle Gangster."

ATLAS THEATRE
Bob Hope and Betty Hutton are
teamed for the first time in Para-
mount's newest musical laugh
film "Let's Face It," which is
currently at the Atlas Theatre.
This is a picturization of the
Broadway stage hit by Dorothy
Fields, Herbert Fields and Cole
Porter. The movie retains a
couple of the Cole Porter tunes
from the "legitimate" version.
thrilled and to this day recites
the exciting experience.



GEORGE CHACHAVADZE, Russian pianist who will play at the
Empress Hotel on Jan. 5 in a recital sponsored by the Victoria
Musical Art Society.

**New Year
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7:30 a.m. round trip.
CABBORO BAY—Sat., Jan. 1, Sunday service, with addition of 11:15
p.m. trip from City.
GORDON HEAD—Sat., Jan. 1, week-day service, with exception of
7:10 a.m. round trip.
GORGE-LAKE HILL—Sat., Jan. 1, Sunday service.
BURNSIDE AND AGNES RALPH—Sat., Jan. 1, holiday service.
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Rumors Say Princess Elizabeth To Be Married Soon After War

By MARGARET ECKER
LONDON (CP)—Princess Elizabeth become engaged when she reaches her 18th birthday next April?

London buzzes with rumors that a consort has been chosen for the elder daughter of the King and Queen and London society is preening itself for a marriage that might be its first spectacular pageant after the war.

The story, which appeared in several London papers, quotes a New York publication as its source.

Charles Manners, 10th Duke of Rutland, and Hugh Fitzroy, Earl of Euston, are named as among those from whom the Royal husband will be chosen.

Sir Eric Melville, assistant private secretary to the King, said he was not prepared to comment on the rumor. The relatives of the 24-year-old Earl and Duke,

who are brother officers in the Grenadier Guards, deny any knowledge of the romance.

Both young men have been invited frequently to Sunday afternoon tea parties, small evening parties and informal dances given by the Royal parents for their daughter. Lord Euston has been away from England for two months in India, where he serves Viscount Wavell, Viceroy of India, as aide-de-camp.

His father, the 10th Duke of Grafton, which title the Earl will inherit, said he knew nothing of any romance in the air before his son left England.

Both young men are handsome, dashing and military. They both have glamorous family backgrounds that fit into the story-book picture that Princess Elizabeth's life has been.

The Earl, like the Duke, was educated at Eton and Cambridge.

Club Calendar

Canadian Daughters' League, Shrine Hall, Thursday, 8.

St. Saviour's Senior W.A., Monday, 2.30, Guild Room.

W.A. to R.C.N., knitting meeting, Tuesday, 2, Y.W.C.A.

St. George's Mission Ladies' Guild, Monday, 2.30, Bazaar plans will be made.

St. Alban's W.A. Wednesday, 2.30, Parish Hall, Annual meeting.

Florence Nightingale Chapter, L.O.E., Monday, 2, headquarters.

Victoria Purple Star, L.O.B.A. Wednesday, 7.30, Orange Hall. Cards will be played.

Junior W.A. to Royal Jubilee Hospital Monday, 2.30, Nurses' Home.

Carne Rebekah Lodge Thursday, 7.30, L.O.O.F. Hall, Installation of officers.

Britannia Lodge, L.O.B.A. social meeting, Orange Hall, Tuesday, 7.30, Court whist.

W.A. to Pro Patria Branch, Canadian Legion, Monday, 8, Hard-of-Hearing Hall. Election of officers.

St. Martin's-in-the-Fields W.A., Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. A. Sangster, 541 Obed Avenue.

Red Cross Notes

Cadboro Bay—Will meet Thursday at 2, at the home of Mrs. Carter, Cadboro Bay Road. Winning numbers of the silverware donated by Mr. Richardson are 76, 61, 59, 78, 80.

Y.P.S. Activities

Metropolitan—A New Year's social will be held Tuesday at 8, at the church.

QU ALEX GIRLS MEET

Miss Kitty Cameron was welcomed as a guest to the last meeting of the Qu Alex Girls' Club, Mrs. M. Smith presiding. Mrs. C. Yeamans reported on the gifts sent to the Solarium. After business gifts were distributed, and games and a sing-song enjoyed. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Payne, 1222 Vista Heights, Jan. 25, the mystery box to be donated by Mrs. M. Smith.

Dorothy Dix

SNAP OUT OF DEPRESSION

Dear Miss Dix: What is your opinion of a father who bears a grudge against his child whose mother died when he was born? Does the fact that the father was terribly hurt when she passed away justify his feeling towards his child?

The father is not actually active unkind to the boy. He doesn't beat him or abuse him or anything like that. He just never shows him the slightest affection; never has him with him if he can possibly avoid it, and makes the child feel that he blames him in some way for the mother's death and that he just can't bear to be with him. The boy, who is now of school age, is a very sensitive little fellow, and he feels his father's attitude keenly. He has the saddest face you ever saw. Nothing gay and boyish about him.

ONE WHO CARES.

Being a man of intelligence, it is incomprehensible that the father does not see the situation in its true light—that the boy was in no way responsible for his mother dying when he was born, that only he who holds life and death in his hands knows why such tragedies happen, but the fact that the child was left motherless doubles the father's responsibility to him and he has no right to shirk it.

Also, the father must know that if it is possible for the dead to know what is happening in this world that he is dimming the glory of Heaven itself for his wife by the way he is treating the boy. She could not rest in peace if she saw the face of her little son all the love of which he is capable, in making him a friend and companion, and in finding a renewed interest in life in watching and developing the boy's mind and character and making him the sort of man his mother would have wished him to be.

No hands have the healing for a hurt heart that a little child's have.

Langford Legion

The W.A. Prince Edward Branch Canadian Legion, Langford, will hold its monthly meeting in the Legion Hall on Tuesday at 8.

SIDE GLANCES



"I kept my resolutions to give up golf and fishing during 1943—now I'm looking over you bills to find out where the money we saved went!"

Uncle Ray

Fresh Water Freezes More Easily Than Sea Water

Ice will float on water, and this is proof that it is lighter than water. When a block of ice is floating in fresh water, about 9 per cent of the ice will be above the surface.

The story is a little different in the case of an iceberg floating in the ocean. About 12 per cent of the iceberg will be above the surface. This is due to the fact that salt water is heavier than fresh water. The iceberg itself is made of fresh water which has been frozen on land before slipping into the sea.



When a lake "freezes over," the upper part of the water freezes, not the lower part. Fish are able to swim about in the water below the ice.

Fresh water will freeze at 32 degrees above zero Fahrenheit. Sea water needs a temperature several degrees lower before it will freeze. The water of both the north and south frigid zones have fields of ice.

If water froze from the bottom up, instead of from the top down, think what a difference it would make! Lakes in some parts of the temperate zones might be frozen solid in winter, and might not thaw out completely in the summer. Sunshine melts ice near the surface of a lake much more easily than it could reach ice a few feet below.

As it is, thousands of lakes get

good thick coats of ice each year. Sometimes the ice is more than two feet thick.

People have been using ice for skating for more than 1,000 years. The earliest skates are believed to have been made from animal bones. Later came wooden skates, and still later skates of iron or steel.

Everyone should be careful not to go on thin ice. Some streams freeze over, but you seldom, if ever, will find a river with ice which is really safe. Quite a number of persons have been drowned when they tested ice on streams. Even lake ice should be several inches thick before a person steps on it.

(For nature or general interest section of your scrapbook.)

Toy Plane Explodes, Injures 3 Youths

WINNIPEG (CP)—Three Winnipeg youths were seriously injured Thursday night in a chemical explosion while experimenting with rocket-propelled model airplanes in a backyard laboratory.

One of the lads, Donald Browne Wilkinson, 17, lost his right hand at the wrist, while another Roland Kroiter, 17, lost a finger on his left hand.

Ralph Bristow, 17, the third member of the group, suffered severe body bruises.

Walker Urges Care For Imperial Veterans

CALGARY (CP)—The urgent need for a reciprocal agreement between Canada and the British government for the proper care of Imperial veterans in Canada was stressed by Alex Walker, Dominion president of the Canadian Legion, B.E.L.

"I do not see why an Imperial veteran in Canada should be looked upon as other than a veteran," declared Mr. Walker. "It does not matter with which nation of the Commonwealth he served, so long as he served his King and country."

Garrett Pier Dies

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Garrett C. Pier, 68, prominent archaeologist and Egyptologist, died here Thursday. Pier was a former curator of decorative arts for the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Today's Crossword Puzzle



(Answer to previous puzzle)

DANIEL FRENCH
ELITE SNARE
OVALS HALL TREES
DENE HALL DEER
ESYCA DANIEL NOMADIS
PEAL CUSTER ORALLY
EN FRANCH ES EA
ALAS LOON SHOPS
TRES NO SHOPS
SCRAP SHADE
THE MINUTEMAN

Teen Canteen Needs Larger Quarters

An effort will be made to secure additional quarters to accommodate the increasing attendance at the Teen Canteen, it was decided at a meeting of this committee sponsored by the Council of Social Agencies.

A report by Mrs. Helen Simpson of the Y.M.C.A. So-Ed group showed 157 present at the first recreation evening and 175 present at the second.

Next recreation evening will be held Jan. 8, when it is hoped that two centres will be in operation.

The council secretary reported that the request for a grant from the City Council had been referred to the parks committee, to whom a report of the first two evenings had been given. Additional personnel to assist the committee will be secured from the Parent-Teacher Association, the Y.M.C.A. So-Ed group and the girls' work department of the Y.W.C.A.

Clubwomen

Primrose Lodge, Daughters of England, met Thursday, Mrs. M. Melville presiding. A party followed the meeting, convened by Mrs. Bissenden and committee. Drill practice will be Jan. 10, at 2.

LANGFORD INSTITUTE

Welfare group of Langford Women's Institute will start quilt making Jan. 20; it was decided at the last meeting. Mrs. V. Franklin presiding. A letter from Public Works Engineer O. T. Gallagher said Dunford road would be improved, but at present funds were not available for a path from the station to Langford Lake. Officers will be elected Jan. 25. Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. D. B. F. Bullen and Mrs. F. J. Smith.

ANNUAL PARTY

Annual party of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will be held Jan. 7. Supper will be served to the children at 6 and the entertainment will begin at 7.30.

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MR. AND MRS.

By Arthur Folwell and Ellison Hoover



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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Merrill Blosser



THERE'S YOUR AUTOGRAPH BACK—AND THANKS VERY MUCH!



Esquire Denied Mail Privileges

WASHINGTON (AP)—Esquire magazine, whose Varga girl drawings and other material offended the U.S. Post Office Department's sense of modesty, has been ordered deprived of its second-class mailing privileges.

Without ruling directly on whether the magazine is obscene, a question much debated during lengthy hearings, Postmaster General Frank C. Walker ordered the mailing privileges revoked effective Feb. 28.

The action was taken on the grounds the magazine fails to meet the requirements of being "originated and published for the dissemination of information of a public character or devoted to literature, the sciences, arts, or some special industry."

In Chicago, David Smart, publisher of Esquire, said the ruling "leaves me speechless. We'll take it immediately to federal court." During the long hearings, Post Office Department attorneys

Al Smith 70

NEW YORK (AP)—Former Gov. Alfred E. Smith, 70 years old Thursday, received a special Apostolic benediction from Pope Pius and congratulations from President Roosevelt and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

The benediction, conveyed to the 1928 Democratic presidential nominee by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, was imparted in a letter written by Archbishop Amleto G. Cicognani, Apostolic delegate to the United States.

The letter said the Pontiff, appreciative of Smith's "outstanding example of Catholicity," wished the benediction to be shared by Mrs. Smith and all members of his family.

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



By Leslie Turner



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

By Martin



ON WELL, A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT TO THE NEW YEAR



ALLEY OOP

By V. T. Hamlin



AS I REMEMBER, WE CAME INTO THE CITY BY THE GATE FACING THE CLIFFS FORMING THE RIVER VALLEY. THAT'S PUT IT AT 12. THIS, BY GOING IN THE WAY POINTED BY THE AX-HEAD



331 NEW YEAR'S HONORS LISTED

OTTAWA (CP)—Valuable service to the state, mainly in connection with the war, brought honors and decorations to 331 Canadians in the King's New Year's honors list made public today.

The list includes 56 awards to members of the navy, 126 awards to army men and women, 103 to air force personnel and 46 to civilians and merchant seamen. Today's list brings to 1,294 the number of Canadians honored by the King in the last 12 months. The 1943 New Year honors list contained 339 Canadian names and in the Royal birthday honors of last June were included 625 Canadians.

As in previous lists issued since the government's policy on granting membership in orders of chivalry was revised, most of the senior civilian executives in or associated with the government in the war effort received decorations.

For civilians the highest honor was companionship in the Order of St. Michael and St. George (C.M.G.) of which there were 15, mostly to senior government officials and executives whose leadership has been a factor in the war effort.

"OPERATIONAL" AWARDS

The bulk of the navy honors were "operational" awards for service in action against the enemy, including one George Cross, one Distinguished Service Cross, 26 mentions in dispatches and a number of officers of the Order of the British Empire, members of the order and British Empire Medals.

In the air force list there were three Distinguished Flying Crosses and 40 mentions in dispatches, which are in the nature of operational awards, while the army's list included three commendations for valor.

Women came in for a total of 23 awards, including that of commander, Order of the British Empire, to the heads of the three national women's organizations—the National Council of Women, the Catholic Women's League and the I.O.D.E. Five army nursing sisters received the Royal Red Cross and six the Associate Royal Red Cross, while the latter decoration also went to two air force and one navy nurse. An officer of the C.W.A.C. and three of the R.C.A.F.'s women's division received membership in the Order of the British Empire, while the British Empire Medal went to one woman in the army and one in the air force.

Following is the complete list of navy, army and air force personnel honored by the King:

Navy

COMPANION, ORDER OF THE BATH (MILITARY DIVISION)

Reid, Howard Emerson, Rear Admiral, R.C.N.; Ottawa, formerly senior naval officer, Esquimalt.

COMMANDERS, ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (MILITARY DIVISION)

Jefferson, Frank Harvey, Engineer Capt., R.C.N.; Dartmouth, N.S.

Brook, Ernest Reginald, Capt., R.C.N.V.R.; Toronto; in action, R.C.N.; 601 Transit Rd., Oak Bay, Victoria, commanding officer, Naval College, Royal Roads.

OFFICERS, ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (MILITARY DIVISION)

Peers, Arthur Francis, Cmdr., R.C.N.; Halifax, also Quesnel, B.C., formerly Victoria.

Williams, Fulton Thompson, Lt.-Cmdr., R.C.N.R.; Dartmouth, N.S.

MEMBERS, ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (MILITARY DIVISION)

Mason, John Edward Thomas, Commissioned Boatwain, R.C.N.; R.C.N. College, Royal Roads, B.C.

Day, Bertram Francis, Commissioned Shipwright, R.C.N.; 3451 Cook St., Victoria.

Mayne, Herbert William, Commissioned Ordnance Officer, R.C.N.; Halifax.

Southon, Arnold Benjamin, Commissioned Writer, R.C.N.; 441 Constance Ave., Esquimalt, B.C. (also Swift Current, Sask.).

Detweiler, James Longmore, Skipper Coxswain, R.C.N.R.; Savary Island, B.C.

These Victorians Received Awards From the King



MAJ. ARTHUR MORRIS, M.B.E.



AIR VICE-MARSHAL L. F. STEVENSON, C.B.



WARRANT BOATSWAIN J. E. T. MASON, M.B.E.



CAPT. J. M. GRANT, C.B.E.



NURSING SISTER EDNA ROSS, R.C.N.



BRIG. J. C. STEWART, C.B.E.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL (MILITARY DIVISION)

Thorne, Uriah George, C.P.O., R.C.N.; Dartmouth, N.S.

Morrow, William John, C.P.O., R.C.N., Halifax.

Oxner, Albert Vincent, Acting Supply Petty Officer, R.C.N.R.; Spryfield, N.S.

King, Leslie Charles, AB, R.C.N.R.; Dartmouth, N.S.

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Wright, William Richard, Lieut., R.C.N.V.R.; Lachute, Que.

OFFICERS, ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (MILITARY DIVISION)

Johnson, Bernard Dods, Lieut., R.C.N.R.; care of White Point Beach P.O., Queen's County, N.S. (also Vancouver).

GEORGE MEDAL

Bett, Alfred William, Mate, R.C.N.R.; Toronto.

MENTION IN DISPATCHES (OFFICERS)

Kidston, John Richard, Lt.-Cmdr., R.C.N.V.R.; Box 1128, Vernon, B.C.

Campbell, William Franklin, Lt.-Cmdr., R.C.N.V.R.; Toronto (also Saskatoon) (posthumous award).

MENTION IN DISPATCHES (RATINGS)

Rees, Arthur Joseph Roger, Acting Chief Engine Room Artificer, R.C.N.V.R.; Calgary.

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Hughes, Edwin Thompson, Acting Chief, R.C.N.V.R.; Fort William.

Rison-Bennett, William Martin, Provisional Lt., R.C.N.V.R.; Calgary.

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Jackson, Daniel, WO2, Edmonton.

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"They have been represented in the actions on Kiska and on Sicily," continues the leading article. "They have nursed the wounded in South Africa. They have bombed Germany and they are patrolling on and over the Atlantic and the Pacific."

"Their comrades at home are carrying on the production of the logs and the lumber so vital to the successful prosecution of the war. Each one is contributing something to the day of victory that will open the way to the time when we can all foregather once more in the pursuits of peace."

Contact part of the annual carries items about men and women of the district now in the forces. Boys overseas have also written describing their new life.

Car Kills Aged Man

REGINA (CP)—Struck by an automobile while crossing 11th Avenue near McIntyre Street Thursday, Inge Strand, 72, Regina, died today. Police were told by the driver he had been partially blinded by the sun.

Restaurant Burns

CALGARY (CP)—Damage of more than \$5,000 was caused by fire which gutted the Club Cafe on 8th Avenue West here. About 200 patrons in the cafe left the building in an orderly manner.

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F.D.R.'s Attempt To Settle Strike Meets New Rebuff

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Presidential attempts to arbitrate the United States railroad wage dispute met with rebuff again today, pushing even farther into the future any prospects for return of the government-seized lines to private management.

Insisting they were entitled to a ruling on overtime, independent of every other consideration, the 15 non-operating unions rejected President Roosevelt's proposed basis for arbitrating their wage demands.

A letter in reply to one from the President Thursday said "we do not agree to arbitrate on the basis you propose."

They said the sliding scale of increases of 4 to 10 cents which they have accepted was allowed to correct sub-standard conditions and to preserve wage rate relationships and asserted:

"Certainly sub-standard wages do not depend on rates paid for overtime. To now suggest the possibility that the non-operating employees should directly or indirectly purchase time and one-half after 40 hours by giving up part of the overtime or reducing the meagre wage rate adjustments granted by Stabilization Director Vinson would in our opinion be a gross injustice and do violence to the prevailing wage determination policies."

3 AMOUNTS LUMPED

The President had outlined to them the scope of the dispute as he saw it. He lumped together the sliding scale increases and the overtime, but the unions contend the sliding scale increases have been removed from the arena of arbitration by their acceptance of them.

The President said in his letter Thursday the 4 to 10 cents would not be disturbed, but there was no assurance that overtime compensation would not thereby be reduced.

The unions feel they are entitled to 6 cents an hour in lieu of time and one-half after 40 hours a week. This would make total increases graduating from 10 to 15 cents an hour, instead of 4 to 10.

Sister Best Man

TOLEDO, Ore. (AP)—A small item like a manpower shortage didn't halt Seabee Lloyd Dahl's wedding. His bride's sister was best man.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Court Camosun No. 9233, A.O.F., will meet Tuesday, Jan. 4 at 8 p.m.

Holley's Cafe, 622 Fort St., will serve a special turkey dinner on New Year's Day, from 11.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

L.A. F.O.E. Aerle No. 12: Winning baby basket, No. 288.

Musical Art Society, Empress Hotel, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1944, at 8.30 p.m., Chavchavadze, Russian pianist. Tickets at Fletcher Bros. Music Store: \$1.65, \$1.10. Reduction for members; men and women in uniform, 55c.

Nice selection of leather gloves, bags and belts for gifts. McMartin's, 716 Yates.

Result of Christmas drawing, W.A. to 5th B.C. Coast Rgt.: First No. 1407, Ft. Lt. Choldat, Patricia Bay; second No. 2528, Mrs. Pierce, 1989 Crescent Road; third No. 2916, W. Fulton, 1119 Wharf St.

The Whistone—Douglas and Courtney, open 11.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. Excellent meals.

Tito, King Peter Send Conflicting Reports On War

LONDON (AP)—The German enemy is trying "with all his strength" to break guerrilla resistance in eastern Bosnia, and has drawn up fresh forces and special landing troops in an attempt to seize islands along the Dalmatian coast still in Partisan hands, a communique broadcast from headquarters of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) said today.

No details were given of the German attack on the islands, but presumably they were making giant efforts to seal off the Adriatic supply route from Italy to the Partisans' Balkan front.

Nine heavily-guarded German troops and supply trains, most of them operating on the main Zagreb-Belgrade railway line serving northern Croatia and Serbia, have been attacked and eight of them destroyed, the communique said. Many tons of enemy supplies fell into the hands of the Yugoslav Partisans.

STORIES CONFLICT

CAIRO (AP)—The Partisan forces of Marshal Josip Broz have suffered irreparable losses in recent weeks of heavy fighting and 14,000 guerrillas are cut off in the Dinar Alps of northwestern Yugoslavia, a statement from King Peter's Yugoslav government here said today.

"They are deprived of all possible support from the outside and are at present engaged in desperate fighting with their backs to the Dinar Alps," the statement said.

(The statement from King Peter's government, which is opposed to Marshal Broz and his Partisan government, lacked confirmation from other sources. Broz' communique have announced successful resistance to the German invaders and his supporters in London have estimated the Partisans have liberated one-third of Yugoslavia. The Royal Yugoslav government frequently has attempted to belittle the efforts of the Partisans.)

6 Ex-Capone Men Given 10 Years; Other Man Gets 7

NEW YORK (AP)—Seven men, described as remnants of the Al Capone mob, were sentenced to long prison terms today on conviction on charges of conspiracy to extort in an attempted million-dollar shake-down of motion picture magnates.

Federal Judge John Bright imposed 10-year imprisonment sentences on the six who were said by the government to be former Capone henchmen.

The seventh, Louis Kaufman, Newark, N.J., labor leader, drew a seven-year sentence. All were convicted under an indictment charging conspiracy to extort.

In addition, each of the defendants was fined \$10,000.

Aluminum Plants In U.S. To Be Closed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Several small United States aluminum plants will be closed "within the near future," because of a surplus of the metal, a War Production Board official said.

A. H. Bunker, in charge of W.P.B.'s aluminum and magnesium programs, said that "possibly 15" aluminum pot lines would be closed. Pot lines produce aluminum from alumina.

Bunker said the board would make an announcement "within a couple of days." He said no list of plants to be closed had been determined.

Imports from the Shipshaw plant in Canada will continue, Bunker said. These imports, he explained, were contracted for long ago and payment is offset against loans made by this government to finance construction of the Canadian plant.

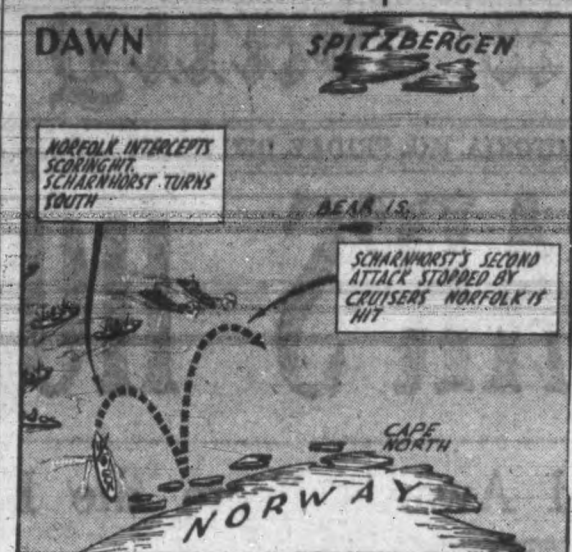
Free Lights in N.S.

HALIFAX (CP)—The Nova Scotia board of public utilities Thursday granted permission to six privately-owned power companies throughout Nova Scotia to "forgive" non-commercial consumers their December electric bills. The action was taken to give consumers the benefit of excess profits that would have been taxed by the federal government on a rising scale up to 100 per cent.

High School Editors Win Congratulations

Anonymous editors of the Cobble Hill High School magazine scheme is "one of the finest bits of camouflage for the protection of the medical profession anyone ever attempted to put over on the people," J. H. Cumming, Saskatoon, secretary of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, declared at a provincial council here Thursday.

Death of Scharnhorst Depicted



The day-long battle in which the German battleship Scharnhorst was sunk as it tried to attack an Allied convoy bound for Russia is depicted in these sketches. At dawn the cruiser Norfolk intercepted the Scharnhorst as it steamed up the coast of Norway. The battleship was hit, but not seriously damaged, by shells from the Norfolk. The Scharnhorst then turned south only to be harried again by cruisers. At this point the Norfolk was hit but suffered only minor damage.



All through the day British cruisers tracked the Scharnhorst as she vainly tried to escape. Meanwhile the battleship Duke of York was rapidly catching up to the Nazi warship. At 6.15 p.m. the "York" steamed into range and scored a hit on the Scharnhorst with a broadside of 14-inch shells. Crippled by this terrific weight of steel and explosives, the Scharnhorst turned east, but could not throw off the shadowing cruisers and destroyers.



The "kill" came as darkness fell on the fog-bound Polar sea. Destroyers let loose a torpedo attack on the Scharnhorst and she was blown to the raider. The Duke of York closed in once more, dealt heavy blows to the raider. Finally the crippled Scharnhorst slowed almost to a stop the cruiser Jamaica edged closer and sent a salvo of torpedoes into the battleship. She sank a few minutes later.

New Drug, Gramacidin, Equaling Penicillin

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—The University of California medical school disclosed today that another so-called wonder drug—gramacidin—is competing with penicillin in spectacular cures.

Dr. Henry Brainerd, clinical instructor in medicine, reported today in a university news bulletin that gramacidin, prepared from soil bacteria by a relatively simple process, owes its healing powers to the same general principle as penicillin.

Describing the drug as cheaper and easier to produce than penicillin, Dr. Brainerd said gramacidin has been used successfully in cases of impetigo, boils, infected wounds, burns, and various types of ulcers with "variable and sometimes very dramatic results."

Says Health Insurance Plan Just Camouflage

SASKATOON (CP)—The proposed national health insurance scheme is "one of the finest bits of camouflage for the protection of the medical profession anyone ever attempted to put over on the people," J. H. Cumming, Saskatoon, secretary of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, declared at a provincial council here Thursday.

"It is easy to see why the medical profession supports the proposed health insurance scheme,"

\$14,000,000 Lock At Soo Big Success

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. (AP)—The great new MacArthur Lock, one of the United States' 1943 production miracles, received official approval today.

In the first formal report on the new lock's contribution to the speeding of iron ore through the Soo Canal of the Great Lakes, the U.S. Army Engineers' office at Detroit emphasized the magnitude of shipments in the face of weather handicaps.

The MacArthur Lock, named in honor of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Allied commander in the Southwest Pacific, was built at a cost of approximately \$14,000,000 in 13 months and was acclaimed an engineering masterpiece. It operates in conjunction with four older locks in the canal.

A month shorter than the 1942 season, the shipping season just completed nevertheless sent only 9 per cent less iron ore through the Soo, the engineers' office reported. The total was 85,000,000 tons. Twenty-eight per cent more wheat, 76 per cent more of other grains and 21 per cent more soft coal passed through the Soo Locks compared with 1942.

he said. "They wrote the bill. The whole thing would be a grand collection agency for the medical profession."

No More Honors For Civilians Till War Ends

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister King announced today that the New Year's honors list being made public late today is the last for which the government will recommend awards of civility for civilians for the duration of the war.

The government's decision, said Mr. King, does not apply to military awards in the orders of civility, nor to awards for gallantry and meritorious service by members of the armed forces in operations.

(It is not the policy of the Canadian government to recommend citizens for honors which carry titles with them, and it was learned here that the ban on governmental recommendation for orders of civility for civilians therefore will apply to those which carry no titles, such as Companions of the Bath, Companions of the Order of St. Michael and St. George; commanders, officers and members of the Order of the British Empire.)

CAREFULLY STUDIED

The decision to withhold recommendation of civilians for such honors had been reached after "careful consideration" by the government. Suggestions for the establishment of a distinctive Canadian order had been a factor in these considerations. It was felt that the present critical stage of the war was not an appropriate time for the review of the circumstances which was considered advisable.

"The government recognizes that the war has called for patriotic and devoted effort on the part of the Canadian in all walks of life and in every part of the country and that there are many men and women throughout Canada who have given inspiring examples of leadership in connection with every phase of the war effort," Mr. King said.

His statement continued: "The allotment of awards available at any one time is naturally limited and is not sufficient to include many who might be regarded as equally deserving of recognition. Moreover, there have been suggestions from time to time of the establishment of a distinctive Canadian order and, in addition, authority was recently given for the establishment of a Canada Medal.

"Suggestions as to suitable recipients have been made from many quarters. The government recognizes that, to avoid the possibility of invidious distinctions, it is necessary that the most careful study should be given by a board or committee specially constituted to consider the whole question of civilian honors."

"An examination of the suggestions would involve considering the respective degrees of significance to be attached to distinctly Canadian orders and decorations in relation to awards in the existing orders.

"The government has reached the conclusion that, while the war is in its critical phase, it would be inexpedient to take up these questions. It has, therefore, decided, before further recommendations are made for civilian awards in the orders of civility, to have the situation carefully reviewed with the intention of appropriate action at the end of the war or, in any event, at a later stage in the conflict."

Aklavik Epidemic Of 'Flu Gets Worse

OTTAWA (CP)—Reports of an influenza epidemic which has struck about 90 per cent of the white persons, Eskimos and Indians at Aklavik, N.W.T., have reached the Indian Affairs branch of the Resources Department here, a department spokesman said today.

The population of the post at this time of year probably is about 200, he said. The outbreak began shortly after Christmas, but no deaths have been reported. The post's doctor was among those affected and plans are being made to fly in a doctor from another post if necessary.

A Canadian Pacific Airlines plane is expected to arrive at the post tomorrow with medicine and other needs requested by the post's doctor.

Inquest On 3

MONTREAL (CP)—Police today interviewed witnesses preparatory to Monday's inquest into the axe slaying of three children in the basement of their west end Hampton Avenue home Thursday.

Meanwhile Mrs. Edna MacLennan, 43, mother of the slain children, and held as a material witness, added nothing to her statement to police Thursday night that she wanted "to save their souls."

Wife of engineer Gordon R. MacLennan of a nearby St. Pauli's Ermitte munitions plant, Mrs. MacLennan was found sitting on a lounge in the front room of her home.

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Preview of 1944 Session; Blackout End an Omen?

RECONSTRUCTION MINISTRY

Legislative circles here expect that at the forthcoming session of the Legislature a department of reconstruction or rehabilitation may be announced.

The government in recent months has been giving close study to all phases of rehabilitation of unemployed men and women; it is expected rehabilitation will be one of the main topics of debate during the session, opening Feb. 1.

It is now a year since the massive and monumental and exhaustive report of the B.C. Post-war Rehabilitation Council, appointed early in 1942, was filed. All cabinet ministers have studied it; special cabinet committees have been studying its various points. It is only natural to suppose that some action will be taken by the Legislature, on the recommendation of the government.

YEAR OF SATISFACTION

Whatever may happen in the immediate future, the coalition government under Premier John Hart can look back with a good deal of satisfaction to a year of activity. The government has kept an eye on all the province's basic industries. It appointed a commission to study possible electrification of rural areas and its report is expected to be presented to the Legislature.

CONSERVATION

The Premier six months ago announced a commission would be named to examine the whole logging and lumbering industry of the province, with the view to preserving it. It is believed the Premier will announce the commission before the Legislature meets.

A purchasing commission was appointed to handle all government purchasing business and so remove it from the charge that political circles have had more to do with government buying than government officials.

The government looked after the mineral wealth of the ground, too, and placed reserves on all the coal areas of the Peace River country to save them from exploitation by private interests.

OF BRIGHTER THINGS

To Ottawa, for rehabilitation, the government gave 1,000,000 acres of choice farm land. The Legislature will be asked to formally approve this gift.

In addition to these more spectacular moves the government has gone along with the more humdrum activities of office. The Department of Public Works has prepared a comprehensive program of postwar reconstruction for presentation to the Ottawa government. The Provin-

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Only 34% of Canadians Think No War Within Next 25 Years

TORONTO—While the phrase "the war to end wars" is not as frequently heard in World War 2 as it was in the First World War, nevertheless, today the largest single group of people in Canada believe that the end of the present conflict will herald in a period of peace at least 25 years long.

Previous polls have shown that the Canadian public—and the same results were obtained by American and British polls—believe that after this war, international co-operation could be made to work against future wars. The latest Gallup poll took the issue a step further and, through its battery of opinion reporters across Canada, asked a cross-section of the adult population this direct question: "Do you think there is likely to be another world war within the next 25 years?"

A fairly large group of Canadians today are unable to answer this question, and another group qualify their answers. The largest single group, however, do not believe there will be another war for at least 25 years: Will be war, 29%; will not be war, 34%; no opinion, 21%; qualified answer, 16%.

To those who maintain that youth is more cynical on questions of postwar international relations, it will come as a surprise to find that there is little material difference in the expectations of the younger generation, and those of the older. Whatever difference there is (and it is too slight to have much significance) would place the most cynicism in the group between 30 and 49 years of age:

Age Group	Will be war	Will not be war	No opinion	Qualified
18-29	29%	34%	21%	16%
30-49	29%	34%	21%	16%
50-64	29%	34%	21%	16%
65 and over	29%	34%	21%	16%

DOES PUBLIC EXPECT ANOTHER WORLD WAR WITHIN 25 YEARS?



That bloc of Canadians which believes there will be another world war within 25 years were asked, through this cross-section: "Do you think it could be avoided?"

Nearly all of them thought it could be avoided if certain steps were taken, and few "war fatalists" were found. Just what these steps should be were described in a variety of ways, but centred largely on the idea of international co-operation after this war, with particular emphasis on disarmament. Actually, then, the only difference between this group and the group who gave a qualified answer to the first question, lies in the degree of confidence they have that such steps will be taken after the war.

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Apostleship of Sea

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) —

Canada has been given its own council in the Apostleship of the Sea, a world-wide organization having for its aim the spiritual and social welfare of merchant seamen. For some years it has been operating at several Canadian ports. Its headquarters are in the British Isles. A skeleton organization has been set up with W. H. Atherton, K.C., LL.D., Montreal, as president. Rev. F. A. Carlisle, Vancouver, is a councillor. Appointment of a councillor for Victoria has yet to be made.

Mosquito Story Gives Soldier Liars' Title

BURLINGTON, Wis. (AP) —

A captive Maryland mosquito carrying around its neck a diamond-studded gold medal, bearing the inscription, "World Champion Liar," was liberated here today.

The insect, according to O. C. Hulett, president of the Burlington Liars' Club, will fly direct to an army camp at Tooele, Utah, and there deliver the medal to Sgt. Baron S. Fomesbeck. His story earned the soldier the title of "World Champion Liar" of 1943.

Here is Sgt. Fomesbeck's story which the judges decided was the best of the 6,000 entered in the annual contest:

The mosquitoes of Maryland were of the P-38 type, and when they landed they always filled both fuselages. The first day I was there, they completely drained me of blood. The second day I was giving them I.O.U.'s.

"Months later, when I was stationed in Alabama, the Maryland mosquitoes sent me a card on Father's Day because they had so much of my blood in them.

"We tried in many ways to dispose of these pests, including poison gas, but it was all to no avail. We did, however, kill a few by shooting .30 calibre rifle bullets at them. They were mean, those mosquitoes, and it made them mad to have to get out of the way of those bullets. So they would snap at 'em as they went by and before they could get no of that lead it would jar off their heads."

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Chief Harry's Widow Dies at Great Age

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mrs. Mary

Celestine Harry, prominent member of the Squamish tribe, died in a hospital here Thursday. There were various estimates of her age. According to some reckoning she was 108, but according to city archives she was 89.

She was the widow of Chief Harry, last of the government head chiefs of the tribe, who died in 1920.

According to tribal history, Aunt Polly was baptized by one of the early missionary priests on the coast. A baptismal certificate at the North Vancouver Indian Reserve shows that her sister, Aunt Harriet George, who died in 1941, now would have been 114. Aunt Polly was eight years younger than her sister.

She was the last aunt of Chief August Jack Kahusashano and was a sister-in-law of the late Supple Jack of Stanley Park fame. This alone, according to the native brotherhood, would set her age well over 100.

According to the city archives, Aunt Polly was only 89, although other sources say that no records of the Indians were kept before 60 years ago.

Skating at Duncan

DUNCAN—The skating season

timidly arrived Wednesday when children ventured out on the ice of McKinnon's field, Stone Lake and Roger's Lake in the Cowichan station area. A continuation of frost is expected to make Wake's Lake safe for skating soon.

Beurling Gets His 31st

LONDON (CP)—Canada's top-

ranking fighter ace, Flt. Lt. George Beurling of Verdun, Que., shot down his 31st enemy plane Thursday, one of four destroyed by R.C.A.F. fighters.

The combat took place north-east of Paris, where enemy fighters attempted to intercept United States heavy bombers returning from an attack on Germany. Beurling shot down a Focke-Wulf 190.

Beurling, who destroyed the Nazi after a 20-mile chase, saw the enemy blow up after one short burst. The pilot bailed out. It was the first enemy plane downed by Beurling since he celebrated his return to action Sept. 24 by getting his 30th.

Alberta A.G. Attacks U.S. Court in Canada For Army Personnel

EDMONTON (CP)—Hon. Lucien

Maynard, Alberta Attorney-General, has criticized an order-in-council passed by the Dominion government which gives United States army courts the right to try all members of its forces in Canada for any offence committed by them in Canada. The order-in-council was passed this week.

"I am astounded that the Dominion government should deny Canadians their rights in Canadian courts under Canadian law in cases involving members of the American armed forces in Canada," Mr. Maynard said.

"It is even more astounding that a Dominion order-in-council giving extra-territorial rights to the American armed forces in Canada should be passed without consultation, first, with the attorneys-general of the provinces, and further that such an order should be released to the press before it had been received by the provincial attorneys-general."

"Canadian citizens are entitled to know that when American personnel commit an offence against them or their property, the effect of this order-in-council is to deprive them of the protection of Canadian law and Canadian courts and subject them to American military law and the administration of U.S. courts martial."

Canned Vegetables, Fruits Show Decrease

OTTAWA (CP)—Sharp reduction

in supplies of canned fruits and vegetables in comparison with last year are reported by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, reflecting the short crops of 1943, canning materials shortages and labor problems.

Stocks of canned fruits held by canners, wholesale dealers and chain store warehouses Oct. 1, amounted to 1,062,324 dozen cans, compared with 2,337,777 dozen on the same date last year.

Canned vegetables on hand amounted to 9,267,579 dozen last year, compared with 14,060,768 dozen last year.

Because of the limited supplies, Prices Board authorities have sought to make the canned vegetables available as far as possible to areas where fresh supplies cannot be obtained.

Canada's Honor Roll

R.C.A.F.

KILLED

Bell, Joseph Omer Emil Jules, FS, Quebec.

Hess, Clifford Lionel, Sgt., Toronto, Ont.

Irvine, Douglas Raymond, Sgt., Toronto.

Johnston, Angus Augustus WO, Little Harbor, Souda, P.E.I.

Jones, George Macdonald, PO, Waterloo, Ontario.

Kneale, Thomas Matthew, PO, Woodstock, Ont.

MacKay, FO, Dodland, Sask.

Marynowski, Michael Edmund, FO, Kesteven, Sask.

Phillips, Maurice Milton, PO, Minburn, Alta.

Robb, Maurice Francis Victor, Sgt., Montreal, Que.

Schneider, Gordon Raymond, FS, Brigid, Ont.

Sheppard, Walter Fitzgerald, PO, Victoria, B.C.

DIED OF INJURIES

MacQueen, Fred Calder, PO, Glace Bay, N.S.

McLennan, Burns Alexander, PO, White Rock, B.C.

MESSING

Addison, Douglas Gordon, Sgt., Oshawa, Ont.

Anderson, Sydney Andrew, FS, Radville, Sask.

Burns, Kenneth Ora, FS, Vancouver.

Carefoot, Garnet Oliver, PO, Swift Current, Sask.

Cass, Emerson Earl, Sgt., Woodstock, Ontario.

Crawford, John Joseph, Sgt., Hamilton, Ontario.

Dixon, Robert, Sgt., Edmonton, Alta.

Dube, Joseph Paul Henri, Sgt., L'Angeles, Que.

Elli, Edward Harry, PO, Port William, Ontario.

Firmer, Kenneth Albert, Sgt., Ottawa.

Fridley, James Bruce, PO, Ottawa.

Fox, Edgar Delvin, PO, Unity, Sask.

Gordon, Arthur Frederick, Sgt., Barrie, Ontario.

Grove, Wilbur John, Sgt., Toronto, Ont.

Gilchrist, William Carter, Sgt., Chipewigan, Sask.

Gourley, Harold Alexander, PO, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Graham, Gordon Allan, PO, Halifax, N.S.

Harding, Andrew Crawford, D.F.C., Ft. Galt, Ont.

Herman, George Philip, FS, Netherhill, Sask.

Solifite, Percy George, FS, Toronto, Ont.

Kenney, Patrick, PO, Windsor, Ont.

Knight, David Roy, PO, Cypress River, Minn.

Larson, Richard Henry, FS, Dinmore, Sask.

MacDonald, Donald John, Sgt., Winnipeg.

MacGillivray, Donald Keith, FS, Niagara Falls, Ont.

McCutcheon, Franklin Teas, FS, Saul Ste. Marie, Ont.

McLaughlin, George, PO, Chateaufort, Ontario.

Merrill, Reginald Keith, Sgt., Toronto.

Michie, Norman Hamlyn, Sgt., Toronto.

Millican, Edwin Clinton, WO, Winnipeg.

Morris, Francis Kompton, Sgt., Sherbrooke, Que.

Mulick, Robert Douglas, FS, Toronto.

Nevold, Millard Leon, Sgt., Camrose, Alta.

Nickerson, William James Murdoch, FS, Edmonton, Alta.

Partridge, Gordon John, FS, Winnipeg.

Petch, Douglas Hartley, PO, Gananogue, Ontario.

Richardson, Murray Lincoln, FS, Toronto, Ont.

Roden, Albert Edward, Sgt., Rapid City, Minn.

Schewick, Arthur Louis, FS, Toronto.

Shepherd, Harold Calvin, FS, Medicine Hat, Alta.

Smith, James Scott, PO, Vancouver.

Smith, Kenneth Glenville, FS, Vancouver.

Smith, Stanley, FS, Kamloops, B.C.

Stewart, Robert Glenn, Sgt., Roland, Minn.

Thies, Edwin Alexander, Sgt., Sioux Lookout, Ont.

Walker, John Bradburn, Sgt., Prince Albert, Sask.

Weicker, Charles Merrill, PO, Regina.

Whitaker, Colin Havelock, PL, Montreal.

Winter, Francis William, PO, Toronto.

RETOXED SAFE

Baridon, Jack Douglas, Sgt., Toronto.

PRESUMED DEAD

Hall, Walter Vernon, PO, Fredericton, N.B.

DANGEROUSLY INJURED

Wallace, Clarence Burdette, Sgt., Stony Beach, Sask.

SERIOUSLY INJURED

Yeo, Lloyd John, FS, Lemberg, Sask.

CANADIAN IN R.A.F., PRESUMED DEAD

Connolly, H. R. WC, Victoria, B.C.

Leckie Promoted

OTTAWA (CP)—Air Vice-

Marshal Robert Leckie, recently appointed chief of air staff, has been promoted to the rank of air marshal; it is announced by Air Minister Power. He thus assumes rank equal to that of his predecessor, Air Marshal L. S. Bredner, who has been appointed air officer commanding-in-chief, R.C.A.F. overseas.

Hobart Bosworth Dies

GLENDAL, Cal. (AP)—Silver-

thatched Hobart Bosworth, 76-year-old dean of the Hollywood movie colony, died in a hospital Thursday of pneumonia.

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'Beginning Of The End'

TWELVE MONTHS AGO TODAY THE peoples of the Allied world were wishing one another a Happy New Year in a more meaningful sense than for many moons. For Mr. Churchill had just recently expressed the view that the business of the anti-Axis powers had reached "the end of the beginning." The events of those days are too near to require recapitulation; it is sufficient to allude only to the Anglo-American landings on the northwestern shore of Africa to remind us of the promise of that epochal demonstration of aggressive coalition warfare against the common enemy. And in his message to President Roosevelt at the end of 1942, the Prime Minister summed up his hopes for the year now about to be relegated to the limbo in the following terms:

"During the past year we have welcomed ever-growing forces from America in our ports and camps and on our airfields. In all theatres of operations men of America and men of Britain have fought side by side under each other's command in circumstances requiring bonds of respect, comprehension and comradeship have been forged which will, I pray, far outlive this war, and be a lasting support in the labor of peace, when, after we have won the victory, we strive to build together a better and a happier world."

Since Mr. Churchill sent that message to his good friend in Washington—on the eve, incidentally, of the memorable Casablanca conference—the war has gone, perhaps, even better than the Prime Minister or the President had expected. The whole scene in the Mediterranean, in the Soviet Union and in the Pacific has encouragingly changed to serious reverse on any of the numerous battlefields in the meantime has marred the progress of this conflict of the continents and the oceans. One dictator is conspicuously absent. His country has changed its status from an enemy to a "co-belligerent" state; thousands of its soldiers are marching and fighting side by side with the armies of liberation. And if Adolf Hitler should be in the mood to consult some of the speeches he delivered in the first three years of his aggression, and compare his predictions and assurances to his people with the accomplished facts, he would probably make some concession to his conscience and admit that when 1943 dawned Mr. Churchill was not very wide of the mark in suggesting to the Allied peoples that they were at "the end of the beginning."

As we go into 1944, therefore, are we not justified in believing that the United Nations have arrived at "the beginning of the end"? Today's news from the European theatres of war certainly supports this more rosy assumption—even though the fight to subdue the Nipponese and strip them of their ill-gotten gains may well consume more than another dozen months. At any rate, the "ever growing forces from America" which Britain welcomed in her "ports and camps" and to her airfields in 1942 have been followed by vast numbers during the year whose hours are now fast running out, while the decisions of Tehran and Cairo produced the program whose details the two Axis powers will learn only as they unfold in actual conflict. For to the distant past belong the days when the enemy could decide when, how and where the next move would be made; the peoples of the United Nations have almost forgotten when they used to go to bed at night and wonder what new dispositions of Hitler's seemingly inexhaustible and apparently invincible machinery of war would be revealed on the morrow. The Brenner Pass long since ceased to be a rendezvous where the two dictators stirred their devilish brew. Allied bombers have made rather a mess of that spot in the Alps in recent months.

If we have reached "the beginning of the end," however, we also have arrived at the beginning of another campaign which must be won at every step if the military victory for which liberty-loving peoples the world over have sacrificed so much human and material treasure is to bequeath to posterity a lasting peace—peace in the fullest sense of the term. Day to day developments in domestic realms give cause for apprehension. While thousands of men are dying and bleeding on the battlefields, crashing to destruction from the skies, exposing themselves to undersea marauders on the oceans, other thousands of men, far removed from the scene of conflict, halt tasks upon which victory depends to argue questions of purely personal economics. And are governments, business leaders, progressive organizations, and the men and women who owe their life and liberty to the fighting warriors—are all of us preparing to play a full part in the task of rehabilitation and reconstruction? If we are not, if we are looking for "an easy way out," so to speak, we are indeed at the beginning of an end that will be reached only after much needless travail. To help to shorten that journey should be the stern resolve of everybody in 1944.

The death of Senator MacArthur of Prince Edward Island, raises to 14 the number of members in the Senate. There is now one from British Columbia, two from Manitoba, four from Ontario, six from Quebec, and one from P.E.I.

Dr. Draft MacArthur

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO IN A LARGE office building in Chicago, the "MacArthur-for-President Club" opened its headquarters, with Mr. Joseph P. Savage—"who held minor legal jobs during Bill Thompson's regime"—in charge of operations and presiding genius of the movement. Nearly 100 persons stood in line in order to get their names high up on the roster on the opening day. Members admitted they were not at all concerned about such views as the general might have on the idea. But when informed last April that the War Department prohibited men on active duty from seeking or accepting public office, he is reported to have said curtly: "Let's get on with the war." Since then, however, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, who is interested in the movement, has been informed there is nothing in the law to prevent General MacArthur, accepting the Republican nomination if it should be offered to him. But the only military officer of his rank in United States history to run for the presidency during wartime was George B. McClellan, whom Lincoln defeated in 1864; he would be a bold prophet who would suggest that MacArthur is likely to follow that example.

Regardless of the eminent soldier's personal views and intentions, President Savage announced from his Chicago headquarters yesterday that petitions to place MacArthur's name on the April 11 primary ballot were being mailed to county chairmen, precinct committeemen and other Republican officials throughout the state. However, "we have not consulted with General MacArthur, either directly or indirectly, nor do we propose to do so," Mr. Savage explained, because "it is the inalienable right of the American people to draft any citizen for service to his country, particularly in a time of peril; so we propose to draft General Douglas MacArthur as a candidate in the primaries for President of the United States." That would appear to be that.

Border Red Tape

THE WINDSOR STAR, WHICH OUGHT to know because it is published at a point where there is the greatest volume of border crossings between Canada and the United States, says that the new United States order abolishing crossing cards for native Canadians after Jan. 1, will not improve conditions. At first it was thought that regulations were being considerably relaxed. Now it seems plain that the situation may even be worse.

It appears, according to the Star, that Canadians seeking to enter the United States under the new regulations will need a new type of document, rather more difficult to obtain than the crossing card. They will have to furnish proof of their Canadian nativity, and that is not easy for everyone. There are few who possess birth certificates, and these can be obtained only by sending to the province in which they were born, at some expense and inconvenience. In some cases they may find there is no record available. The old crossing cards could be had merely by applying for them at the local Consul's office.

It is a pity that officialdom sees fit to continue onerous restrictions which deny the peoples on both sides of the border what should be their right of free and easy visiting. Such a policy is contrary to the trend of public opinion on both sides of the line as expressed in international gatherings. It is not in keeping with good neighbor traditions; and it conflicts with wartime declarations in favor of closer relations and better understandings.

McCormick Backs Down

ONE DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN citizen is a disappointed man today. He is Mr. Wendell L. Willkie. The reason? Colonel Robert R. McCormick, editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune, has informed an Illinois Republican leader that he is not to be considered a presidential candidate in the Illinois primary next spring. Five months ago the author of "One World" intimated to all and sundry in the United States that he would enter the Illinois preliminaries next April and stump the state if McCormick, isolationist and Anglophobe extraordinaire, would bid for the honor. Immediately afterward, the publisher declared that "anybody can beat Willkie in Illinois; he's a joke out there." One radio commentator, however, gave a different version of the Colonel's comment. He quoted the Tribune's owner as saying: "I don't think that foreigner can carry the state of Illinois."

McCormick hates Willkie, of course, just as bitterly as that element in the Republican Party which continues to do its thinking in terms of the status quo—even though it is obliged to think otherwise for next year's election purposes. But the anti-British publisher had his chance to see what he could do against the man who fought with everything he had in his verbal arsenal to persuade the United States to accept the League of Nations more than two decades ago. No doubt the Chicago publisher prefers to continue to indulge in the outmoded pastime of "twisting the Lion's tail" from the sidelines rather than accept Willkie's challenge to a domestic battle. "That foreigner" is nevertheless a force in American politics whose appeal to a large section of the public is waxing rather than waning.

Bruce Hutchison

OLD FRIEND
IT HAD BEEN months since I last saw my good friend and neighbor, Mrs. Noggins. Leaning in neighborly fashion over the fence of her chicken yard she recalled (reckoning all dates by the routine of her poultry business) that we had not met since the late hatching of her Rhode Island Reds, of which only half a dozen had survived the hawks and cats.

"But," said she, "I can hardly remember wot's appened this year and now at the end of it the 'ole thing is only a blur, as you might say. The papers is full of news and all like that and great things 'appenin' all year but when you come to look back on it, wot 'ave you got? Nothing but jest another year, that's all, jest another year."

"They tell you 'istory 'as bin made this year and I suppose it 'as, but wot 'istory? Why, bless me, I can't remember now whether the battle of Stalingrad was this year or last, 'tis so mixed up together now. You take ordinary folks like me, we don't remember them things proper. We only remember our own little business, I can't tell you about the Battle of Stalingrad, but I remember mighty well the row I 'ad with Mrs. Boggs over the price of eggs. I couldn't tell you about any of Churchill's speeches, but I certainly remember the speech I made to my 'usbain after the party on Beak's birthday."

WE REMEMBER
"NO, SIR, we pretend we're mighty intelligent these days and all like that, and every fella in the bug can tell you when the war's goin' to be over, but if you ask us wot really 'appened this year you'll find we remember all abait the garden we planted in the spring and the way the early beans froze and the first 'atchin' of chickens and maybe some good dinner we eat, but we couldn't tell you when our boys landed in Italy or even if the C.C.F. won't the last by-election. In fact, you might say, life is a very personal matter, as Uncle 'Erbert uster say. Very personal life is, 'Erbert uster say, and even when 'e was at the 'eight of his power and a alderman in Liverpool 'e uster worry more about 'is kidneys than 'e did about the gover'mint, if they 'was actin' up."

"Yes, very personal life is because that's the way we're built, I dare say. The Lord never intended a body like me to be mixed up in the strategy of a big war, you know. Only a few fellas like Churchill and Roosevelt is built for it, and they're welcome to it, and God bless 'em. The rest of us was built to worry about the early peas and the Sunday roast and the affairs of the neighbors."

"So when my grandchildren ask me some day wot it was like in 1943 when the world was bustin' to pieces, I'll have to tell 'em frankly that it was the year when the price of eggs was good and I done very well on my young-roosters and it was very 'ard to get a bottle of anything. Why, they'll say, wot abait the war in Italy, they'll say, and abait Stalin and the Russians? And I'll 'ave to say something like 'appenin' in Italy all right and the Russians was doin' fine, but all I can recall of that summer was the birthday party at Beak's when yer grandfather took rather too many and made 'is old speech about the British Hemphre. But wot abait the campaigns in the autumn, they'll say, and if I tell 'em the truth I'll say the only think I remember about the autumn was my rheumatism was very bad."

DON'T FEEL IT

"THE WAY I see it, all this talk about the war and politics and the like of that is artificial. We don't feel it, you know. We jest act it. Everybody feels 'e must make a show of intelligence so you got wimmin layin' down the law at tea parties, and our knittin' club as makes mitts for sailors is all 'ot and bothered about socialism, and 'all the wimmin sayin' the gover'mint should take everything over and then damnin' the gover'mint because they've already took too much."

"'Tis jest a fashion, you know, to talk fancy these days, like wearin' funny 'ats. You've got to do it to be in style. You've got to talk socialism or they'll think you're dumb. But the style will pass, same as the 'ats, and we'll get back to normal, discussion, our neighbors. Why, even now, you know, the conversation is very borin' at the start, when we get together at the knittin' club, all about the gover'mint and the war, but after a while, when we've thawed out a bit and we get down to talkin' about the neighbors and the goin'-on of the young folks, then everybody kind of lights up and gets interested, especially if there's a bit of scandal in it."

"So I'm tellin' you, sir, speakin' frankly and don't put it in the papers, it's bin a great year, 1943, with big news bustin' all over the place. I'll never forget it if I live to be a 'undred. I never done so well on my roosters, the price of eggs was good and that birthday party at Beak's was as thrillin' a thing as I ever seen till it got a bit rough towards the end. And in the autumn my rheumatism come on bad. 'Twas about the time when Churchill and Roosevelt was meetin' Stalin. I'll remember that meetin' because the pain was awful in the mornings."

TO 1944—A NEW YEAR'S WISH

While still grim battles grip this weary earth The Old Year dies, the New is given birth; What will it bring—our lot is not to see— Ahead of time the New Year's destiny.

But, come what may, our duty is to build A glorious postwar world, one that is filled Not with the selfish aims of graft and greed, But with those things hallowed by Christian creed.

Then, when the Season comes of Peace on Earth, Goodwill to men of high or lowly birth; The world will hear, it's peoples understand The blessings brought by Thy most Gracious Hand. SYDNEY CHILD.

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Canadian Scene 100 Years Ago

By J. L. G.

We must fight on as fought the pioneers of the early days in Canada, the strong stern men who kept in sight their goal of Canada's best interests against all difficulties and obstacles. Let our motto be the same as theirs—'Fortitude in Distress.' There are breakers ahead, but we shall reach the shore if we fight on."

SIR WILFRID LAURIER, 1917
"You'll have to stay in bed today if you want to go to the apple-see tomorrow." When mother spoke up like this and looked significantly at their clothes, the youngsters had no "come-back." They knew she wasn't being harsh—it was just that their little dresses and shirts had to be washed and made ready for the great occasion—and they with but one set of garments to their name!

Around about September of every year the pioneers would begin to lick their lips and look hungrily at the rosy fruit dangling from their apple trees. The orchards were "babies"—set out eagerly as soon as a clearing could be made, and as growing children. Such excitement there was when the first apples rounded out, but nothing compared to the dither everyone got into when there was a big enough harvest to have an apple-see! Boys and girls teamed up, the boys doing the peeling, the lassies the quartering and coring. As for the older folk, they were busy stringing and tying apples so they could have dried fruit all winter long. Some of the apples were set aside for the cider press, which led a busy life since everybody was fond as could be of the fragrant nectar.

Apples chosen for the year's supply of cider had red skins,

INDUSTRY CONTROLLED
In effect, private enterprise has been eclipsed (in Germany). The means of production have been controlled as thoroughly and effectively as if they had been owned and operated by the government. Total regulation has done a job equivalent to nationalizing.—Brookings Institution survey of German industry.

THIS WAR—FOUR YEARS AGO
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YOUR RATION CALENDAR

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A Happy New Year

2: Sugar Coupons 23, 34; Preserves Coupons 10, 11; Tea-Coffee Coupons 28, 27; Butter Coupons 44, 45; Meat Coupons 33 are valid.

3: Meatless Day in Public Eating Places

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6: Meat Coupons 34 are valid.

7: Butter Coupons 46 and 47; Meat Coupons 35 are valid.

8: Tea-Coffee Coupons 28 and 29; and Meat Coupons 36 are valid.

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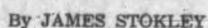
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RATIONED MEATS ARE: Beef, veal, pork, mutton, and lamb. The weekly ration varies from one pound to two-and-one-half pounds, depending on the type of meat purchased.

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Of all the stars or planets indicated, Jupiter is the brightest, with magnitude minus 2 on the astronomical scale. Next in order of brightness is the star Sirius, the dog star, to the southeast in Canis Major, the great dog. Mars is next in order, then Saturn. Even through a telescope the stars appear as points of light, and their naked eye appearance, with the familiar "twinkling," makes them look very different from the planets, which have a more steady glow. They shine by reflected sunlight.

Orion is a good group to locate first on these winter evenings, then from that you can find the rest. The three stars that form the warrior's belt are prominent in the south. Above them is Betelgeuse, and below is Rigel. A line from Sirius through the belt brings you close to Aldebaran in Taurus, the bull, the great star in the constellation. It appears toward the southeast is Canis Minor, the lesser dog, with Procyon: γ in high in the

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Lieut. 'Muzz' Patrick And Bride to Live In Norfolk, Va.

Lieut. F. Murray (Muzz) Patrick, U.S. Army, and his bride, the former Jessie Wray Farr, left for a honeymoon in New York after their marriage Thursday evening in First United Church. They will reside in Norfolk, Virginia.

The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Farr, 2771 Burdick Avenue, and the groom, who left the New York Rangers' National Hockey League team to join the American army, is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Patrick of Victoria and New York. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Hugh A. McLeod, D.D., assisted by Rev. W. G. Wilson, D.D., M.A. Jack I. Smith played the wedding music, and Miss Margaret Hartman, of Benton City, Wash., sang Schubert's "Serenade" during the signing of the register.

The bride was given away by her father, and wore for her marriage a gown of ivory satin with the sweetheart neckline, leg-o-mutton sleeves and long train, edged with lace. A beaded coronet caught her finger-tip veil, and she carried a cascade bouquet of gardenias. A bouffant frock of madras green taffeta was chosen by Miss Mary Farr, bridesmaid, and she wore a halo of gold chrysanthemums in her hair, and carried a Colonial bouquet of the same chrysanthemums centred with one Tallman rose. Lieut. Doug Peden was groomsmen, and ushers were Lieut. Art Chapman and Pte. William Duncan, R.C.A.

Mrs. W. M. Scott, aunt of the groom, assisted the bride's mother in welcoming the guests to a reception at the Duke of Kent room at the Empress Hotel. Mrs. J. G. McKenzie of Vancouver, and Mrs. Stanley Patrick, presided at the coffee trays. Dr. W. G. Wilson proposed the toast. Girl friends of the bride assisted in serving.

For traveling, the bride donned a model suit in military green, small brown hat trimmed with fur, brown fur coat and accessories, and a corsage bouquet of gardenias.

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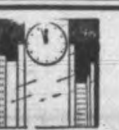
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Personal Notes

Miss Noella Kirkham of Victoria is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Kirkham, Duncan.

Mrs. W. R. McKay of Vancouver will be in Victoria for the New Year's week-end.

Mr. John Stokes, University of B.C., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Stokes, Island Highway.

Miss Marjorie Stroyan of Vancouver is visiting in Langford, the guest of Mrs. Robin Rae, Island Highway.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Sully have returned to their home in Vancouver after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gordon, Victoria.

Miss J. Cook of Handsworth, Sask., who accompanied her grandmother to the island, is visiting friends in Langford.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hopkins of Victoria visited Mr. and Mrs. F. Halling, Chemainus, for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Dorothy Wills entertained at luncheon Thursday in Spencer's dining-room. Covers were laid for 12 and later the guests attended the theatre.

Miss Eileen N. Hincks of Holmwood, Langford, is spending a few days in Vancouver, the guest of Mrs. M. Montgomery, Fine Crescent Avenue, Vancouver.

Cpl. and Mrs. D. Y. Simpson of Nanaimo are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Simpson, 1310 Dallas Road, for the New Year's holiday.

Victoria visitors at the home of Mrs. A. Page, Duncan, during the holidays were her daughter, Miss Violet Page, Mrs. J. B. Caldwell, Mrs. E. Tull and her son Peter.

Guests from out-of-town at the Cooper-Mason wedding Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenyon and son of Port Alberni; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Turner and family of Goldstream.

Among Vancouverites spending the New Year's week-end at the Empress Hotel are Mr. and Mrs. George Swaisland, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Milne, and Mrs. W. P. Kirkpatrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Russell with their three children, Betty, Patsy and baby Steve have returned to their home in Chilliwack after spending the holiday season with Mr. Russell's mother, Mrs. E. G. McKeon, 81 Battleford Avenue.

Lt. Cmdr. Adelaide Sinclair, director of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service, will fly out from Ottawa to the west coast next week on an official inspection tour. She is expected in Victoria Friday, returning east the following Monday.

Mrs. Robert H. Wilson of Kelowna, who with her two small children has been visiting her mother, Mrs. George Bell, Vancouver, arrived in Victoria to spend a few days with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Millar, Linden Avenue.

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Miss Grace Rogers arrived Thursday from Edmonton, to spend the New Year holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers, 1520 Foul Bay Road.

Mrs. Victor Allen and her two sons have returned to Victoria after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kennington, Boeing Farm, Cowichan.

Miss Eileen Wills was hostess Wednesday evening to about 20 of her friends at a buffet supper party at the home of her parents, Alderman and Mrs. Archie Wills, 1231 Fairfield Road.

Mr. John Henniker, Seattle, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Henniker, Cowichan Bay. He recently received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Washington.

Miss Ada Brinkman of Dauphin, Man., and Miss Louise Brinkman of Vancouver, who have resided in Victoria to attend the wedding this evening of their niece, Miss Florence Brinkman, R.C.A. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brinkman, 1021 Pentrele Place.

Mrs. E. M. Dawson-Thomas and her daughter Miss Winifred Dawson-Thomas, who have resided for the past 21 years in Cowichan district, will arrive in Victoria next week to make their home. Mrs. Dawson-Thomas has been active in I.O.D.E. circles, being a member of Cowichan Chapter, and both she and her daughter have been members of the Canadian Red Cross corps. Miss Dawson-Thomas has been interested in the Girl Guide movement and lately has concentrated on salvage work.

Rev. W. Allan performed the christening service in Fairfield United Church of Janet Sharon, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Penner. The godparents were Miss Alice Rodger and Pte. Douglas Bell. As the latter was absent on active service, his father stood proxy. After the ceremony friends were entertained at the home of Mrs. A. Rodger, where the table was centred with a tier of the parents' wedding cake. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mesdames McKenzie, Vivian, McLean, Murray, Sims, Linn, Kendrick, and Miss Darlene Simms.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Roberts of Calgary, Alta., are visiting in Victoria and attended the wedding Thursday evening of their second son, Lieut. Leslie W. Roberts, R.C.A.S.C., and Miss Ena Lovick. They were accompanied by P.O. L. R. Roberts, R.C.A.F., and Mrs. Roberts, and A.C.I. J. C. Roberts. Other guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Taylor, grandparents of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Mitton, Patsy and Jimmy; Mrs. E. Pooley, Mrs. Frank Lovick, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wright, Mrs. C. Waterston, Miss Joan Taylor, Miss Wynn Lovick, and Robert Pooley, all of Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lovick, New Westminster.

Weddings

ROBERTS-LOVICK

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veil of illusion net and she carried an all-white shower bouquet of carnations and chrysanthemums.

The bride is the younger daughter of Mrs. H. Lovick, 3084 Cadboro Bay Road, and the late Mr. Harold Lovick. The groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Roberts, Calgary. Rev. A. E. Whitehouse, D.D., officiated.

Miss Norma Lovick was maid of honor in melon pink chiffon, matching headpiece, and carried a Colonial bouquet of cream and orchid freesias. Bridesmaids were Misses Maxine Bolton, Enid Browne and Joan Hayhurst in similar frocks of Nile green taffeta, with matching headpieces and Colonial posies of pink snapdragons and freesias. Groomsmen were P. Lorne R. Roberts, R.C.A.F., and ushers were Lieut. C. W. Keller, Robert Pooley, cousin of the bride and Harold Turner.

Following the ceremony, guests were welcomed to a reception at the home of the bride's mother, where Master Jimmie Mitton, cousin of the bride from Vancouver sang "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes."

Lieut. and Mrs. Roberts left for a honeymoon in Vancouver and Calgary, the bride wearing a two-piece frock of, aquamarine silk, muskrat coat with brown accessories.

COOPER-MASON

Rev. W. W. McPherson performed the marriage Tuesday evening in Oak Bay United Church of Lily, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mason, 1834 Monteth Street, and Sgt. G. W. Cooper, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper, Graham Street. The church organist played the wedding music.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a two-piece ensemble of turquoise blue French

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wool with black accessories and a corsage bouquet of gardenias. Mrs. T. W. Spencer was matron of honor, in a French wool suit of powder blue with navy accessories and a corsage bouquet of pink roses. T. W. Spencer, supported the groom.

A reception was held at the home of the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. W. Carter, 2708 Graham Street, where a three-tier wedding cake, a gift of Mrs. A. Turner, centred the supper table. W. T. Stanyon, the bride's godfather proposed the toast.

After a honeymoon on the mainland, for which the bride donned a black squirrel coat, a gift of the groom, over her wedding outfit, Sgt. and Mrs. Cooper will reside in Victoria.

BATES-KYLE

Hilda Anne, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kyle, 242 Wildwood Avenue, exchanged marriage vows Thursday evening in St. Matthias' Church with P.O. William Strathmore Bates, R.A.F., son of Capt. and Mrs. A. F. C. Bates, Sunderland, England. Rev. E. G. Burgess Browne read the service, and Edgar Holloway was at the organ. While the bridal party was in the vestry, David Oldham sang "All Joy Be Thine."

A short evening frock of orchid pink, styled with a full skirt of crepe and a bodice and bishop sleeves of lace, was chosen by the bride, who was given in marriage by her father. Her feather hat and veil were matching, and she carried a shower bouquet of pink roses and heather. Miss Nancy Kyle was her sister's only attendant, wearing a powder blue dressmaker suit with small matching hat and veil, and carrying a round bouquet of pink carnations. Fit Lt. Leslie Isaac-

son, R.A.F., was best man, and ushering were Sub. Lt. David Anstey, R.C.N.V.R.; Chester Cotter and Jack Kyle.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where Miss Anne Sharpe, cousin of the groom and his only relative in Canada sang a solo. Bert Hebben proposed the toast to the bride. Mrs. Dorothy Woodward arranged the effective floral decorations.

P.O. and Mrs. Bates will make their home at Linda Court, Marlborough Avenue, after a honeymoon on the mainland. Going away the bride donned a Hudson seal coat over a crystal blue frock and black accessories.

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Announcements to appear under this heading will be accepted at The Times Advertising Department. Minimum charge \$1.50 for 10 lines, and 15c per each additional line.

The engagement is announced and the wedding will take place Jan. 18, 1944, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, of Barbara Draper, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Draper, 125 Government Street, and A.C. George F. Rawlings, R.C.A.F., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Rawlings, 1270 Kings Road.

Ration Coupons

Ration coupons valid Monday are: Tea or coffee, Nos. 14 to 25; butter, Nos. 42 and 43; sugar, Nos. 14 to 22; preserves, D1 to D9, and meat, Nos. 30, 31 and 32.



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Chairman and President,
Canadian Pacific Railway

Twelve months ago the railways of Canada entered upon what promised to be a year of such activity as had not been experienced in all their history. National production of foodstuffs and war materials was on a fast rising scale. The movement of armed forces and their equipment was steadily increasing, and upon the railways devolved the seemingly almost impossible task of moving these vast quantities of freight and unprecedented numbers of passengers and delivering them where and when they were required. It can well be a matter of pride to all railway officers and employees that throughout the year their efforts successfully have measured up to every requirement. As in Great Britain and the United States, Canadian experience of the past four years has shown that the railroads are the mainstay of the country's industrial effort.

It has been a year of many and great difficulties. To these, climate troubles of last winter greatly contributed and for this and other reasons operating costs steadily moved upwards. Shortage of equipment and scarcity of labor were contributing adverse factors, but despite it all, wartime requirements have been met and the ordinary business of the country has in no way suffered by reason of the unprecedented traffic which the railways have been called upon to shoulder. Freight and passenger cars have carried heavier loads than ever before and engines have hauled longer trains. Freight cars reaching the end of their journeys have been reloaded and started back in record times, and improvements to operating facilities along the line have expedited their movement and further enhanced their safety in every direction.

LONG TIME PLANNING

This higher standard of operating efficiency has not been achieved solely by reason of the effort of the past 12 months. In the case of the Canadian Pacific Railway it is the result of years of striving in that direction. Since the First Great War ended progress has been steady and without interruption, and the results which now are contributing so greatly to the national war effort are the fruits of long time planning and effective execution. Nor is this progress the result of great increase in physical facilities. Additions to rolling stock and motive power were meagre during the years of depressed business and fell far short of what ordinarily would have been considered normal requirements. During the war it has been necessary for national reasons to keep additions to equipment at a minimum. While this company's traffic load of the past year has been considerably greater than that experienced in any year of the previous war, the rolling stock and motive power available has been considerably less.

A comparison of Canadian Pacific operations in this respect

for the past year as compared with those of 1939 is of interest. The freight traffic of 1943 registered an increase of 70 per cent in ton miles, while the increase in passenger miles was about 250 per cent. Over the same period the average daily mileage of freight cars increased by more than 25 per cent, while passenger miles per train mile showed an increase of 185 per cent. The increase in gross ton miles hauled per locomotive was 50 per cent. In regard to the greatly increased passenger business this increase in load was achieved in part by curtailment of parlor car services on certain runs and of trains that in normal times had served summer resorts and tourist traffic generally. The attitude of the general public in this respect has been sympathetic and helpful. They have accepted resultant inconveniences as a wartime necessity.

PROUD OF CROP-HANDLING

Among the outstanding performances of the railway year the successful handling of an unusually heavy grain movement offers an interesting example of the efficient manner in which the country's transportation needs are served. For various reasons the movement started late and had to be concentrated into a comparatively short period. In the late fall the railways were met with a government request for a special effort in this direction. In order to cope with the need the Canadian Pacific objective set was for a movement of 350 cars daily from western points to the head of the lakes. From Aug. 1 to the middle of December this company delivered a daily average of 436 cars per working day. While the lakehead to eastern points movement was in progress we also delivered an average of 49 cars daily. During the crop moving period a total of 65,727 cars of grain were handled, a daily average of 582 cars over 113 working days. Of this performance Canadian Pacific men have reason to be proud.

The story of the Canadian Pacific year would be incomplete without reference to its more direct contribution to the flood of war materials Canada is sending to the battle areas. The year witnessed completion of the order for Valentine tanks in company shops which have since then turned to the production of engines for fighting ships, while the manufacture of naval guns and mountings and other smaller munitions continues to go forward according to requirements. This, of course, has been in addition to the abnormal strain of heavy demands on the company's shops for essential repairs and construction of rolling stock.

Canadian Pacific Air Lines are also making their important contribution to the company's war effort. Increased volume of war traffic has been added to operation of training schools and overhaul plants, which are being run as a war effort on a non-profit basis.

PREPARE FOR POSTWAR PERIOD

While this is by no means the time to enter upon the discounting of future victory or in any way to relax the continued all-out effort required to ensure it, we must recognize that in some directions the curve of war production shows a tendency to level off. It is obvious that, here and there, the peak of production has been passed. This tendency, however, is not so pronounced as to permit us to yet turn much of our energy towards postwar problems, for new requirements are constantly arising, but it is high time that they should be given serious thought and that the foundation for postwar planning should be constructively laid. We now have no reason to suppose that we are not entering upon another full year of war. As Lord Halifax has said, however, "Anything can happen," and it will not be well for us to be entirely unprepared if the end of the European struggle comes sooner than now is expected.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has already paid considerable attention to this aspect of its future activities. It will be remembered that some months ago the company appeared before the Special Committee of the House of Commons on Reconstruction and Re-establishment. At that time its presentation stated that a committee of its senior officers had been engaged in the preparation of plans for after-war extension and improvement of the company's facilities on the assumption that victory would be followed by full employment and reasonable continued prosperity as the normal situation of Canada. It then was foreseen that a vast amount of work lay ahead—much of it work that neces-

sarily had been left undone during the stress of years of war, and there was much in the way of extension that might be carried out in the railway, in hotels and steamships, in air line services and other branches of the company's activities. All this was pressed upon the presumption that private enterprise would continue to be the base of Canada's economic activities, and that labor would continue loyally to co-operate with legitimate private capital, which would be permitted to earn such return as would encourage its investment. These postwar activities would enable the company directly and by material purchases to maintain its standard of employment in after-war days up to the wartime peak. Further detailed study by the company's committee has justified this expectation and has established the fact that a very large sum of the company's funds may wisely be spent in thus assisting the orderly transition from wartime conditions to peacetime prosperity guaranteed by full employment for the country's workers.

NO INDICATION OF SLOW-DOWN

Looking towards the future, I see no indication of a slowing down of Canada's industrial activity. For some time to come, any employment slack resulting here and there from cessation of work in war lines will be taken up quickly by renewed activities in peacetime occupations.

Canadian Pacific plans for the future are not based upon a presumption that this country's progress will come to a halt when the stimulus of war has ceased to exist. I doubt if we yet realize the extent of the industrial advances Canada has made over the past four years or the vast new resources that have been tapped as a part of the war effort. These, together with the greatly increased skill of our workers, remain with us and will play an important part in future development.

In the period that lay between the end of the First Great War and the opening of the present conflict, Canada made considerable forward strides, but not so great, perhaps, as had been anticipated, which may have been the result of lack of wise and timely planning. During those two decades the country added about 3,000,000 to its population, or not much more than might reasonably be expected from its natural increase. It is earnestly to be hoped that a well-considered program of immigration will be included in any plans that are made for the country's future. The measure of Canada's progress will be found in the increase of her productive population. We have the natural resources, but only men and women can turn them into wealth. However soon the war ends the country's burden of debt will be so great as to demand a large increase over prewar production to prevent it being a drag on our activities. Human effort, aided by adequate equipment, alone can ease the load.

Canada's most immediate after-war need will be a wise and effective policy aimed at bringing to this country a large and desirable class of new citizens. Individual and business taxation is even now restrictive in its effect upon both trade and industry, and taxes upon business, in the last analysis, are either paid by the consuming individual or are destructive of enterprise. The most efficient factor in the lightening of this load of taxation and in the liquidation of the debts that make it necessary would be an appreciable and continued increase of population by means of the right kind of immigration. Concisely put, the urgent need is for more people whose efforts will add to the production of natural wealth and lighten the average individual load of taxation. The problem is a simple one, and its solution requires only an unprejudiced approach, together with a firm faith in the possibilities of Canada's future greatness.

Carpet Bowling

The Capital City and District Carpet Bowling League will commence the second half of the league schedule next week. The following matches are listed:

Monday
A.O.F. Robin Hood vs. Yarrows B.
Tuesday
Esquimalt vs. A.O.F. Friars.
A.O.F. Sherwood vs. Willows Rangers.
Willows Park vs. A.O.F. Beadles.
Wednesday
A.O.F. Sherwood vs. Esquimalt Rovers.
Yarrows C vs. Yarrows A.
Thursday
Willows Rangers vs. A.O.F. Robin Hood.

Plastic pellets and compressed air are used in U.S. army training instead of bullets and gunpowder to save expenses; the gun in size action and appearance is much the same as the Browning machine gun.



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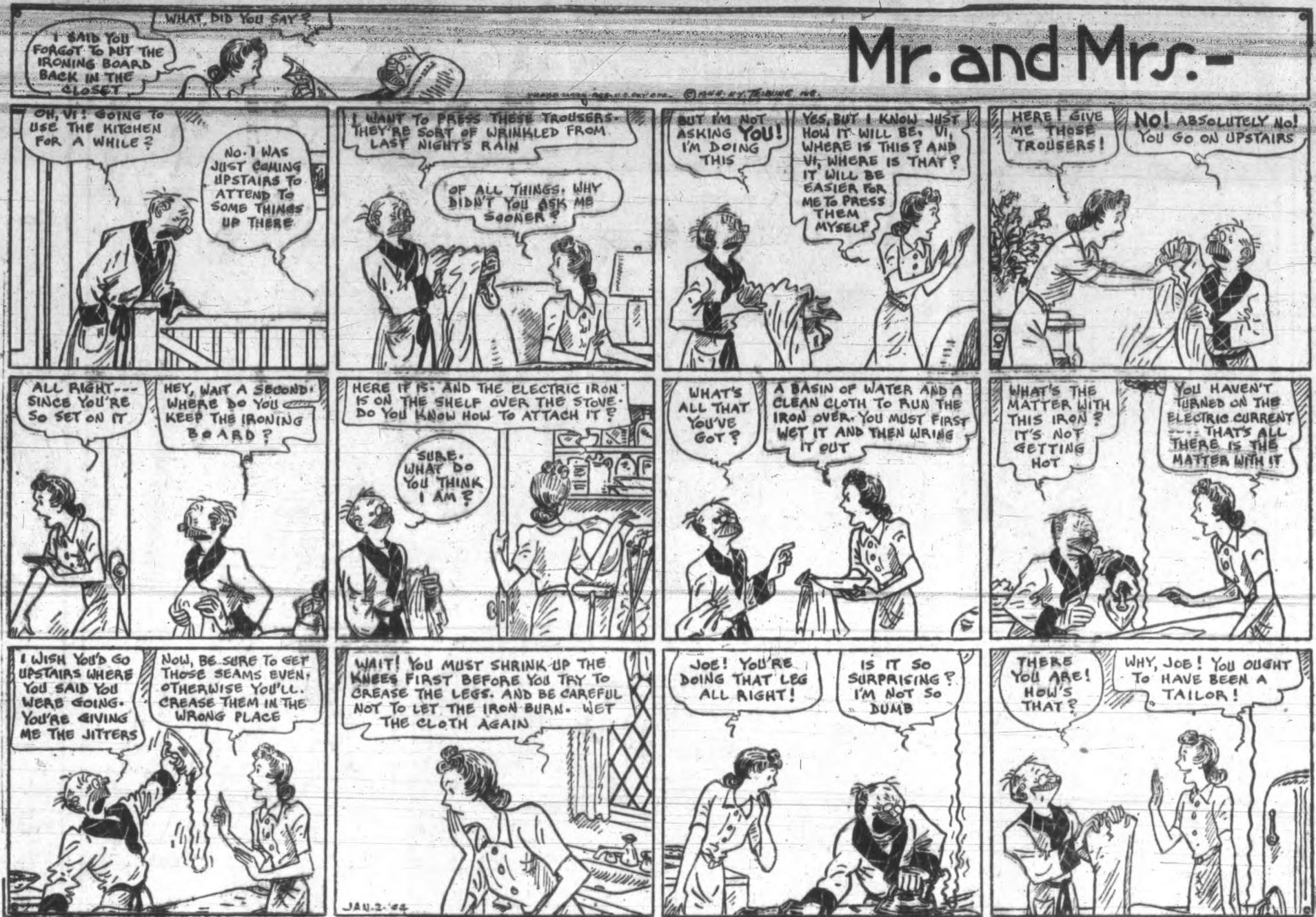
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BIRD RESCUE

THE TENNIE WENIES

BY W. DONAHUE



A LITTLE snow lay over the ground and during the night the weather turned bitter cold. Early the next morning the Tennie Wenies were up before the rest of the little people. He dressed warmly, not forgetting to put on his tiny ear muffs, and taking a Tennie Wenie snow shovel he set to work clearing off the steps. He cleared off the front porch, and then, and then removed the snow from the littlest porch. As he started to shovel a path to the washstand in the room something dark flying in the room startled him.

"Look! It's a bird!" the Tuck mumbled to himself. When he ran over to the object he discovered it was a golden-crowned kinglet. The bird appeared lifeless, but the Tuck ran to the shoe house and called the Tennie Wenies Doctor. The Doctor, followed by a number of the little people, ran to the bird and hastily examined it.

"It's still alive!" the Doctor told them, "but we must get it into a shoe house quickly."

"We'd better take it into the shoe house," said the Tuck, as several of the little men carefully picked up the bird. The men carried the bird toward the shoe house. But as they drew near the front steps, the General came out and told them to take the bird to the toolhouse.

"I'll never get that bird through the doorway here," said the General. "The toolhouse door is bigger and you can probably get through it without much trouble."

The Tennie Wenies carried the bird to the tool-

house, which had been made out of an old coffee can. Even that door was a tight fit, and the Tennie Wenies had to do considerable pushing before they could get the bird inside. As soon as they worked the bird through, it was wrapped in four Tennie Wenie confetti, which the lady of the house brought from the shoe house.

The doctor built a nest of straw in the tiny shoe, and the coffee can was soon warm and snug. The bird in a short time the bird opened its eyes.

The Doctor made a careful examination, which showed that the bird was nearly starved and suffering from cold. The Doctor brought over some warm broth, and the bird was able to get a little. Under the Tennie Wenies' care the bird rapidly improved, and in a few days it was quite well.

"You see," the Doctor explained, "birds have a hard time to make a living when snow covers the ground. They can't find enough to eat and then they grow weak and suffer from the cold."



On Being a Real Person ... Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick

Great Personalities Generally
Have Been Inwardly Tortured

USE OF WORDS such as "wonderful," "peace," "unity," "compactness" and "serenity" to describe a self-integrated life, may suggest a placid life, with all conflicts resolved, but such a picture of powerful and admirable personality is plainly false. The great souls have been inwardly tortured.

Wagner was for the most part, no more serene than a stormy sea. Carlyle suffered much inner mutiny while trying to finish his history of the French Revolution that he said to his wife: "They may twaddle as they like about the miseries of a bad conscience; but I should like to know whether Judas Iscariot was more miserable than Thomas Carlyle who never did anything criminal, so far as he remembered."

Florence Nightingale had a desperate time finding herself, and wrote in her diary, "In my thirty-first year I see nothing desirable but death." Dwight L. Moody said, "I've had more trouble with D. L. Moody than with any other man I know." Beethoven went through perdition with his unruly emotions, and when at last death closed in on him his inner struggle is only imperfectly voiced in his exclamation, "If I were only rid of this affliction I could embrace the world! ... No! I cannot endure it! I will seize fate by the throat; most assuredly it shall not get me wholly down."

As for the saints, they all understand Paul: "The good which I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I practice ... Wretched man that I am!"

Caruso Once Held Opera Curtain An Hour Because of Stage Fright

MEN and women with a positive "talent for turbulence," have achieved powerfully integrated lives. Seen from the outside, they exhibit extraordinary singleness and unity. Experienced from the inside, their lives involve a constant struggle to preserve the hegemony of their dominant aims over their competing motives, doubts and fears.

Bobby Jones, notable for his coolness on the golf links, said concerning one of his greatest games that he stood on the 18th fairway devoutly wishing that his knees would stop knocking together long enough for him to hit the ball. Caruso once delayed for nearly an hour the raising of the curtain at the Metropolitan Opera House because he had an attack of stage fright. John B. Gough, a marvelous orator, remarkable for his self-possession, once said that before each address he always felt, "This is the time when I shall fail."

BIOGRAPHER'S TRICKS

Writers of biography commonly select a few dominant patterns and simplify their portrait by an etcher's art. They present a much more orderly and single-minded individual than actually existed. Nevertheless, far from being at loose ends with themselves, such persons may have achieved a powerful concentration of purpose and drive.

Personality is dynamic; it is a going concern; like a river, its unity consists not in the absence of cross-current and back-eddies but in its total flow and main direction. A river can have rapids and waterfalls, and still move powerfully one way. While, therefore, there are fortunate dispositions gifted with temperamental calm, whose happiness lies in tranquility, they alone do not exhaust the meanings of integration. Some happiness is not calm but fierce.

So David Livingstone, after costly years of toil and suffering in Africa, doing what most of all he wanted to do said that he had

NOT MERE TRANQUILITY

If integration is the "high good" we have said it is, it cannot mean mere tranquility, where conflict ceases in an equable and steady calm, but must somehow include the range of fact that such tortured souls reveal. Who of us does not understand the conversation in James M. Barrie's "Sentimental Tommy"? "But you must decide!" Grizel almost screamed. "I needna," he stammered, "till we're at Tilledrum. Let's speak about some other thing." She rocked her arms, crying, "It is so easy to make up one's mind. 'Tis easy to you that has just one mind," he retorted with spirit, "but if you had as many minds as I have—!"

The key to the solution of this problem lies in the fact that all integration is hierarchical. It involves the domination of some traits and purposes over others, and, like any government, it is a scale of values, with some supreme value, or complex of associated values, so organizing life that one gladly foregoes lesser aims, and resists contradictory enticements, rather than sacrifice life's chief aim and highest worth. Moreover, it entails not alone the resolving of conflicts, but, where that is impossible, the toleration of conflicts, the candid, objective, sometimes humorous recognition of them, coupled with steady resolution to put first values first.

never made a sacrifice in his life. His experience had been full of struggle, inward and outward. He had buried his wife at Shupanga, crying, "Oh my Mary, my Mary! how often we have longed for a quiet home, since you and I were cast adrift at Kolobeng."

The unity of his life consisted not in the resolution and ending of all conflict, but in the toleration of certain inevitable conflicts under the dominance of a controlling purpose. Christ himself cried, "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say?" and in Gethsemane, "exceeding sorrowful even unto death," he prayed "in an agony" and "his sweat became as it were great drops of blood, falling down upon the ground," but he was, at the very least, a marvelously integrated person.

Personalities, therefore, fall into three general classes. Some never get themselves together; they either fail to grow up into psychological maturity, or they go to pieces under strain.

Others do get themselves together but on low ethical levels; they become egocentric; they acquire absorbing devotions—money, prestige, fame, even alcohol—to the pursuit of which they subjugate all their powers; they fall under the spell of some single and unifying aim, concerning which they feel as Frederick the Great felt about glory—"Glory ... is folly, but it is folly that you cannot shake off, when once you get it fastened upon you."

Still others, however, achieve well-organized lives on high levels. They find values supremely worth serving. Their lives become coherent, steady, one-directional. They identify themselves with something greater than themselves, to which they give themselves. They face inner tension and at times vehement struggle in maintaining the chosen pattern of their lives, but they maintain it. They become predictable characters.

Next Saturday: Modern freedom places great strain on the individual.

Hollywood Author Comes North

Garnett Weston Satisfies Longing To Go Rustic At Sooke



Graymar—history of this Sooke home built with sweepstake winnings intrigues its new owner from the south.



Favorite hobby of this author's wife is looking after their 12 turkeys and 100 chickens.

By KAY MCINTYRE

GARNETT WESTON, top-notch Hollywood writer now making his home at Graymar, East Sooke, says that two things interest him above all else. They are war and motion pictures.

"There's no limit to the budget in either," he says. "Both supply unlimited interest and variety." Garnett Weston should know. As a lieutenant he served with the Royal Navy during the last war navigating little ships taking it green over the bow in all kinds of weather. Then for more than 20 years he lived in Beverly Hills, hobnobbing with film's great, earning his place in the Hollywood writing for the movies, best-selling mystery novels and Broadway plays.

ADMITTS HE'S LAZY

We found Weston at Graymar the other day ready to chat about Hollywood, New York and London, just to mention a few of the places where he has lived in the 30 years since he was a youngster getting his start as a reporter on the old Vancouver World and the Sun, too, when the latter was still in its infancy. Remarks, penetrating and witty, gave spice to his conversation as he talked, glad as he said, "for a change not to be writing, because, like most writers, I suffer from laziness and am always looking for an excuse to avoid the typewriter."

Thirty years ago Victoria and countryside were Weston's favorite haunts whenever he had a few days' holiday from his Vancouver job. Now he's amazed the intervening years haven't altered places like this quiet Sooke retreat where he can work against time fulfilling what he terms romantic adventure stories for Cosmopolitan. "It's a great place for three," first of the series of book-length features appeared recently.

Auburn-haired, blue-eyed Marion, Weston's Scottish wife, whom he married in Vancouver soon after his return from overseas, was at Graymar the other day, too.

"If you say anything about me," she chimed in at one point, "just say 'ray, pack and follow' is the message I've come home to find many a time. Garnett left for England and a contract with Elstree one time on 24 hours' notice. Then when it took me six months to get rid of the Beverly Hills house, I vowed we'd never buy again. We never did till we found Graymar."

Though the Westons lived in Hollywood more than 20 years they acquired none of the artificiality so often linked with the town with which the man in the street associates many of its actors, directors and yes-men in bright berets, flaming suits and ankle-length polo coats. Weston wore a grey flannel suit of

English cut, his wife a conservative fine silk print.

Neither was there any trace of Hollywood's too-elaborate touch in the Weston's surroundings—furniture, ornaments and paintings acquired during their travels, their library lined with books from the Harvard classics to latest best sellers, their dining-room with its antique silver.

"Yet pictures of Hollywood with its harried producers and frantic directors is all true," he said. "But underneath there's an aspect all too often ignored. Hollywood means hard work, too. Despite some of the finished products no one starts out to make a bad picture."

No egotist, Weston admits to writing story and script for "White Zombie," which he describes as the world's worst picture, bar none. Total costs were a mere \$60,000, chicken feed in movie terms, five years ago and it grossed over a million and is still shown in Canadian and American theatres.

"It followed Dracula and came in on the crest of the wave of horror pictures," he said with a wry smile. "I'll back it against any other picture ever made anywhere as the world's worst."

WORKED WITH DRINKWATER

Pictures which he has turned out and for which he has a different regard include the "Bull-Dozer Drummond" series for Ray Milland, "The Old-fashioned Way" with W.C. Fields, "The Ninth Guest" and "Daughter of Shanghai," starring Anna May Wong. A contract with Elstree during 1936 saw him in England working in collaboration with the late John Drinkwater on the adaptation of "Mill on the Floss," in which Geraldine Fitzgerald, then a newcomer, was the star.

Weston's name has appeared on 75 pictures from California, he said, explaining that a writer must do at least one third of a movie script before he receives a credit line. He also did scenes and dialogue for dozens more.

"Imagine," he said, "six reporters going out for a story, none of whom had received any specified instructions and none of them knowing what the other was doing. That's the way movies are written. Then because so many worked on some stories, a writers' agreement finally set down the rule about doing at least a third before receiving credit."

Meanwhile he found time to accomplish a string of books well known to followers of mystery novels. Among them are "Murder on Shadow Island," "Murder in Haste," "Death Never Forgets," "Dead Men Are Dangerous," "The Black Candle," and "Dark Seas."

"There was no time to spend



Garnett Weston admits he's lazy, says he's always looking for an excuse to avoid the typewriter.



Graymar wouldn't be complete without Bradley, the horse Weston bought from a Victoria stable.

on books in the studios," he said. "So I write them in the middle of the night."

"I should say he does," added Mrs. Weston. "It was nothing unusual for him to be hard at work on a mystery story at 2 a.m."

A PIN-UP NOVEL

Of his latest novel, "The Undertaker Dies," he said: "It's a pin-up novel. It was published in England two years ago but the American publishers say it is filled with sex dynamite. For two years I've been trying to get it printed in New York and at last I've found someone who dares."

Here he has a word for the incongruity of American censorship which he said is all too apt to mold reading matter for the minds of 12-year-olds yet at the same time allows magazines not fit for people of any age.

Too busy enjoying life and too interested in every aspect of what's going on about him to be overly critical he nevertheless had this to say of Canada's regard for writers:

"I take a dim view of Canada from a literary standpoint. Writers are all too often regarded as loafers. There is little encouragement for them in this country. Generally the public doesn't seem to realize most of them are really hard working people."

Weston's first job in California was in the publicity department at Paramount. It was the heyday of silent pictures and he did publicity for such famous stars as Gloria Swanson, Thomas Meighan, Wallace Beery and the Polish girl who was making history at the time and whom he described as a combination of pichon, perfume and feminine guiles.

The latter was the arch-enemy of Gloria Swanson and their battles both on the set and in private life left nothing to be desired in the way of material for a publicity man. If anything there were underdescribed, and had to be, in Weston's write-ups.

"One got \$8,000 and the other \$10,000 a week," said Mrs. Weston. You got the impression that temperament was an old, old story to her.

"It's time you became a super-

visor," the brother-in-law of Paramount's Jesse Lasky, with whom he used to go to boxing matches, told Weston one evening after he'd been doing publicity for 18 months.

A supervisor he became. This he said meant he was the man immediately responsible for assembling, story-writers and actors.

"There's a definition for a supervisor," said Weston. "If the pictures are successful the director gets the credit; if not, the supervisor gets fired. But, believe me, they make it worth your while being a supervisor."

Weston is inclined to agree with the Somerset Maugham character who said that anyone who despises money is either a fool or a hypocrite. He frankly admitted that he worked in Hollywood not only because he got such a big kick out of the place but also because he could earn more money there than anywhere else.

"But don't think we didn't earn it," he added, and went on to tell of the high pressure under which everyone in the film capital labors. Often he was told: "We've got to go into production six weeks from now."

In just that time he would write story, script and dialogue, have the whole thing torn apart and put together again so the finished product looked nothing like the original. Then before the six weeks were up he would have to also superintend building of sets and assembling the cast.

Close to a nervous breakdown when he arrived last spring, he now feels in top condition. "At first I nearly went crazy from the quiet," he said. "Now I'm getting so I want to hide in the woods when I see a car coming."

EVANGELIST

THREATENS SUIT

In spite of the high tension, Weston also managed to write several plays produced on Broadway. Among them were "Undertow," which a female evangelist, whose California temple is known the world over, thought too closely paralleled her life and for which she threatened to sue him. He says he will never get the night the evangelist arrived backstage in New York, swathed in blue veils, her eyes heavy with blue mascara, accompanied by her mother. She came to announce she was about to bring suit, but later, after much argument to Weston's relief decided

not to sue. "It's time you became a super-

NEW YEAR BELLS 1944

By Robert D. Duncan

THE bells have much to say tonight,
And it is well to listen, not half-hear;
Beneath the brazen, cacophonous clamor,
Proclaiming birth once more of a new year.

A thousand-throated voice booms deep
In measured, solemn syllable it moans
Our shining, flame-girt dead of year now gone,
And then in rising tone it grimly warns

Against errand, as is human wont,
All memory of darkness, days nightmarish
The twelvemonth past has forged a blade
Still new; by it vast hordes must perish.

Before the Day of Light may dawn,
Cast off old, embrace the new, the bells intone,
Strength born of fire will vanquish heights ahead,
And man's serfdom, that Peace may reign alone

The bells in Tokyo, Berlin
Toll forth no proud, determined din,
The undertone of each paced boom
Sepulchral is sounding, "Doom!"

Amateur Gardener

By E. L. F.

Every amateur gardener must learn to be an all-weather gardener. Right now, when the ground is not too wet for effective work, you should push on with the digging and manuring. When it is frosty, you can trim up the trees and shrubs, clean all the accumulated odds and ends from under hedges and along garden paths and fences. It is under all such rubbish that slugs and pests of every kind live through the winter.

In Victoria, winter is the season of damp, ugly moulds and fungus growth in the garden. These will get little chance of using their destructive powers on winter vegetables if you keep the garden clean and the soil healthy. Rake up all the fallen leaves from amongst the winter greens and pick off the yellow ones whenever it is necessary. If the earth is muggy and dank, loosen it up with a fork and keep it worked up for the rest of the winter.

Your first planting of Brussels sprouts may be nearly finished as far as the buttons are concerned but you must remember each plant has a nice cabbage-like top that makes splendid cooking greens. When you cut this top, leave the stem in the ground. Side shoots will soon form and you will use the extra greens until the end of April or until they start to run to flower.

From your curly kales you will get both leaves and side shoots, but to be sure of the shoots it

is wise when you start using the kale to cut off the hearts of the plants first. With hearts removed, side shoots spring to fast growth.

Did you sow winter spinach in the late fall? It should be ready for use by the end of February, if this mild weather continues. Give it every chance by hoeing the earth up around it to break any cold ground winds and, if you are lucky enough to have it, give the bed a dressing of well weathered soot every three weeks until the spinach is ready.

Now—for our New Year's resolutions! From the experience we have had in the past let us go forward into 1944 determined to grow only the vegetables and fruits that are most needed for day-to-day use—the vegetables that are highest in vitamin content. Let us correct mistakes and prevent waste of seed, fertilizers, produce, time and effort. Let us use every possible method to maintain the health of the soil in which our own health depends. Let us keep every piece of equipment, every rake and hoe and spade, in the best of working condition. Let us help our neighbors when they are short-handed and give those who are just beginning to garden the benefit of what we already know. Let us be thankful for sun and rain and wind alike, for healthy appetites and tired muscles and sound sleep. Doing all these things, we cannot fail to have bigger and better vegetable gardens in 1944!

by doing so she would only gain more adverse publicity than she had had already and propped the whole matter.

Other of his plays which appeared on Broadway included "A Lady Descends," and "Feast of Fools," the latter starring Elise Bartlett and Theodore Von Eltz.

Now hard at work on the second of his Cosmopolitan series, Weston said his method is to write solid pages with little punctuation and no paragraphs. From this he develops his books and plays. At present he has written 11 solid pages and admits he has no idea where he's going from there. His favorite practice, especially where mystery novels are concerned, is to get an intriguing title like "The Undertaker Dies," then to write a story around it.

He used this method, too, in writing for the movies but invariably his producer changed the title, so when the picture came out absolutely nothing was left of the original.

Close to a nervous breakdown when he arrived last spring, he now feels in top condition. "At first I nearly went crazy from the quiet," he said. "Now I'm getting so I want to hide in the woods when I see a car coming."

"But it wasn't always that way," he went on. "When we used to spend vacations up here, everyone we'd met and all our friends from the south used to drive out till so many miles I thought of putting traffic lights on the gate."

When the Westons first came to Graymar, they had plans about buying cows, pigs, sheep. Unable to get any labor for the 60-acre estate, they have settled for 100 chickens, 12 turkeys and a horse. Bradley is the name of the latter and before Weston bought and tamed him he had a nasty reputation at a Victoria stable for

tossing off riders with whom he didn't get along.

Weston loves to chat about the history of Graymar, as he does about Sooke and its residents, which intrigues him so much he plans to write a book about one of its better-known characters. Back in the house once more he told of this Englishman, Harold Hewitt, who searched world over for a blond, blue-eyed Viking girl, who he was convinced from his school-days was the only one for him and who lived at Sooke for a number of years. Hewitt wrote a journal of his life at Sooke which Weston has been reading.

But to get back to Graymar, the timbered structure was built in 1928 by Capt. and Mrs. J. E. B. Radcliffe with money won in a sweepstake. It has its own lighting system and an explosion in the powerhouse four months after the Radcliffes moved in caused them to pack up the next day and hurry off to England—never to return. The house remained unoccupied until 1939, when the Westons bought it as a summer home, holidaying there for a few months each year, till they came up from California recently to make Graymar their home for the duration.

"I'm not sure what I'll do after the war," he said. "Travel and write where I please part of the time and spend the rest here, I think."

Meanwhile the Westons think life at Graymar is ideal, save for one small item. The head of the house is looking for someone who will drop in occasionally and make good use of the piano in the drawing-room.

With characteristic honesty, Weston says they need have no knowledge of the classics.

"I've had to listen to that kind of music too often when I'd sooner be hearing something else. Musical comedy tunes and light opera are more to my taste."

New Anthem for a New Russia

It happens rarely if ever in a country's history that its national anthem is changed. When it does happen, there's inevitably a good, big reason behind it, such as revolution or some other basic change. This is the case with Soviet Russia's "The Internationale," with its ringing call for an uprising of "the prisoners of starvation" and the "wretched of the earth," in favor of a hymn dedicated only to "mighty Russia ... our great Soviet Union ... our free Motherland."

As the St. Louis Post-Dispatch says the former anthem was frankly revolutionary, and thus it suited the earlier phases of Soviet history. The new anthem is a patriotic and nationalist appeal, similar in spirit to the official songs of other countries. It has the same motif as our own "Star-Spangled Banner" and its tribute to "the home of the brave." The change thus sig-

nalizes the transition in official Soviet policy away from world revolution to the building and safeguarding of a powerful Russia.

This step is a natural sequel to the dissolution last May of the Comintern, theoretical central agency of world revolution. It is in keeping with the whole trend of Soviet policy, beginning with Lenin's New Economic Policy in 1922, away from Marxian doctrine to a nationalistic credo. Pure Marxism is virtually a crusading religion; Stalin's view is "The export of revolution is nonsense."

This shift has been clearly visible to all observers. Yet Russia wants to belittle Europe still lingering on. Perhaps the new anthem acclaiming "union indivisible" (words that any American could proudly apply to his own country) will help slay the aging dragon of Communist world conspiracy.



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2 Women Attacked; 1 Beaten, 1 Robbed

One woman was recovering at Royal Jubilee Hospital today from cuts to the head suffered when she was attacked by a man on Moss St. Thursday night. A 16-year-old girl early this morning was knocked to the ground and robbed in Victoria West.

Police conducted extensive searches of both districts but have been unable to locate either attacker, although a youth was picked up in connection with the Moss Street attack.

The 40-year-old wife reported she was walking south in the 600 block Moss Street when a man stepped to the sidewalk and knocked her to the ground. She suffered cuts over the left temple and on the left side of the head.

She was attended by Dr. T. Jones.

Later police picked up a 15-year-old boy who they took to the hospital. He was released when the woman made no identification.

Stepping off a streetcar at 12.30 this morning, the 16-year-old girl was walking along a lane behind Victoria West School when a young man stepped out from behind some bushes and put his arm around her waist, she told police.

The youth kicked her feet out from under her so she fell to the ground striking her forehead on the gravel path. She screamed and struggled with the youth on the ground and he finally broke away, taking her purse which contained no money.

Police said the girl suffered only bruises and shock.

Girl War Workers Laid Off in East Get Other Jobs

Women workers let out in layoffs of eastern war plants have to date been placed in "comparable employment," Mrs. Rex Eaton, associate director of National Selective Service, Ottawa, said in an interview Thursday at the Victoria office of Selective Service.

On a cross-country tour to confer with local Selective Service officers, Mrs. Eaton left the city Thursday by the afternoon boat. "There is no real surplus of women and no real shortages," she said. "There is a leveling off and balancing in the matter of employment now. We have been able to place women let out in layoffs in employment, because there are other occupations available."

Mrs. Eaton spoke of the many civilian services, mentioning particularly hotels, restaurants, laundries and textile manufacturing firms, which she said had to be "skimped" of labor in order to supply high priority industries. "Women, she felt, had done an excellent job in Canada during the present war, and did not expect that they would be discriminated against in any layoffs in shipyards and other types of wartime industry. The number and type of worker let out would depend on the nature of the work being curtailed, she said. In the east when layoffs are expected, she continued, National Selective Service officers go directly to the plants in many instances, and interview girls and women about to be let out, with a view to finding them other employment.

"Movement of prairie girls to wartime jobs in the east has practically stopped," Mrs. Eaton said. "We are at peak employment; the increase in employment of last year will not be repeated this year. There are 1,200,000 women employed in Canada now, nearly double the number employed in 1939."

Paying tribute to the women of Canada for the manner in which they answered calls to enter the labor market, Mrs. Eaton stated that in August in Toronto there was an urgent need for 3,500 workers for war plants. There was apparently no labor supply available she said, but following a publicity campaign 5,200 women answered the call and were placed in full time employment.

Monthly meeting of Victoria and District Chrysanthemum Society will be held at the City Hall next Thursday at 8. Members will receive further instruction on cuttings.

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With Our Servicemen

By DICK FREEMAN
Cruising shore patrol spotted a sailor posting a letter in town and promptly picked him up.

It's a breach of regulations, apparently, for a navy man to post mail outside prescribed naval limits.

Suspicion was aroused also by the fact that the sailor was unconventionally dressed. He wore khaki battle dress of army issue and roundrig sailor cap. His "hook" and other identifying naval badges, however, were stitched on the sleeve of his coat.

Shore patrol thought he was masquerading and invited him to go along to police headquarters for questioning. He was soon allowed to go on his way.

The sailor proved to be L. S. Harry Francis, 542 Ellice Street, home on leave after months of active service in one of the hottest theatres of war. He was an engineer of one of the hundreds of landing barges which put the troops ashore in Sicily and on the Italian boot. This column Wednesday carried an interview with Francis and his chum, Cox'n Francis H. Coverdale, telling of their work in the Mediterranean show. Accompanying picture showed him in the battle dress. He's not talking must about it, but it was learned that his own uniform was in such shape after the scrap on the Sicilian beaches that it had to be discarded. One of the soldiers of the 1st Canadian Division came to his rescue with the army suit Francis came home in.

Donald Albert Bystedt, 540 Dallas Road; William Wallace Walker, Port Alberni, and Francis Henry Joyce, Alberni, enlisted in the Canadian Active Army this week at the Bay Street Armories.

Leut. Ivor Baldwin, R.C.A.F., and Leut. Montgomery Tyrwhitt, R.C.A.F., who have been spending Christmas leave at the home of the latter's parents, 1601 Belmont Avenue, returned Thursday to Port Alberni to resume their duties.

Mr. L. W. H. (Billy) Dumsday, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dumsday, Mount Tolmie, is now stationed in India as intelligence officer under the command of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten. Dumsday was formerly day editor of the Canadian Press in Toronto. He was married in Victoria and went overseas last February.

Wing Cmdr. R. E. Horsfield,

R.C.A.F., of the air personnel staff at Ottawa, is staying at the Empress Hotel, with his wife and daughter. He was a resident of Victoria before the war and is now re-establishing his home here after "running around for the past four years."

The air officer plans shortly to return to his duties in the east. Mrs. Horsfield and daughter, Barbara, will take up residence at their new home here.

Leut. Fred W. Goodman, active service gyro stationed at Vernon, left Thursday for the B.C. interior after spending the Christmas holidays with his wife, 225 Obed Avenue. Fred is the son of Col. H. E. Goodman, former recruiting officer for Vancouver Island and now stationed at Little Mountain Camp, Vancouver.

Another Victoria boy serving aboard H.M.S. Jamaica saw the Scharnhorst plunge to her doom. He is Midshipman Robert Allen Shimmim, one of the original class to graduate from the Royal Canadian Naval College here. He joined the Royal Navy cruiser Sept. 15 last. His father, R. L. Shimmim, now of Vancouver, was formerly in the bond brokerage business in Victoria.

In his last letter to his parents, young Shimmim said he was in charge of the ack-ack battery on the Jamaica.

Just returned from a spell of convoy duty on the Atlantic, Telegraphist Don Davidson, former make-up man in the Times composing room, is home on leave. His wife and daughter, Jean Ann, reside at 308 Douglas Street. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. D. Davidson, 384 Burnside Road (vice-president of the Victoria branch of the Typographical Union). Don has been serving aboard H.M.C.S. Saskatoon, on the Canadian side of the Atlantic. He has been two years in the navy, and likes the life.

P.O. William Strathmore Bates, R.A.F., and his bride, the former Miss Hilda Kyle, received congratulations from a host of friends at a post-nuptial reception, Thursday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kyle, 242 Wildwood Avenue. The wedding was solemnized by Rev. E. G. Burges-Browne at St. Matthias' Church, the happy pair leaving shortly afterwards to spend their honeymoon on the B.C. mainland.

P.O. Bates, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. C. Bates, Sunderland, Eng., has a war-flying record with the R.A.F. He is at present posted at Patricia Bay.

TOWN TOPICS

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Victoria City Shows Lead in \$2,078,786 Building Program

December, during which work of a total value of \$112,349 was reported, carried city construction figures for the year up to \$1,111,188, a total comfortably above 1942's \$1,015,922, despite continued restrictions on home building.

The Victoria total was over half the combined figure of all municipalities in the area, including the city. The major figure was \$2,078,786, with Esquimalt reporting \$454,408, Saanich \$287,693 and Oak Bay \$215,497.

This month's city figure included year-end work reported by federal and provincial governments.

During the month five dwellings were erected at costs totaling \$15,300, while 14 alterations, including several conversions to increase dwelling accommodation, accounted for another \$9,735.

Throughout the year 94 dwellings valued at \$271,765, seven duplexes worth \$36,400 and two apartments listed at \$18,000 were built.

Home construction was well below that of last year, when 154 dwellings were built at reported prices aggregating \$403,525.

Highlights of the year's building in the city were construction of 50 more homes by Wartime Housing Ltd. at a cost of approximately \$125,000 and extensions to the V.M.D. plant.

ESQUIMALT

One hundred and fifty-two permits for construction amounting to \$454,408 were issued in the municipality of Esquimalt in the year 1943. P. J. McCulloch, building inspector, announced today.

Largest contract was that of Wartime Housing Limited for construction amounting to \$280,000. A permit for a \$5,000 stucco garage and fire hall for the municipality was issued and there were two permits for houses costing \$3,500 each.

The figures for 1943 were slightly below those of 1942, when 175 permits were issued for construction to cost \$527,493.

SAANICH

Permits for 97 new houses were issued in Saanich in 1943 against 152 in 1942. The value of new houses in 1943 was \$188,930 and in 1942, \$360,297.

Total number of permits issued in 1943 was 518 for building, valued at \$297,693. In 1942, 455 permits were issued for new buildings and repairs valued at \$421,128.

OAK BAY

Although less houses were built in Oak Bay during 1943 than in the previous year, the average cost per house was higher.

In 1942, 55 houses with an average cost of \$3,481 were built compared to only 34 houses averaging \$3,579 this year. Total value of new homes was \$191,460 in 1942, and \$121,700 in 1943.

Total number of permits for 1943 was 126, valued at \$215,497 as compared to 146 valued at \$221,480 in the corresponding period in the 12 months preceding.

During December, Oak Bay reported four houses of a total value of \$13,200, and 10 permits covering values of \$14,010. In December, 1942, three houses were built, costing \$10,700, and 11 permits issued with overall value of \$13,783.

**Last Rites Held
For Capt. Corry Wood**

Funeral services for Capt. J. G. Corry Wood, veteran Red Cross leader, were conducted by Rev. K. L. Sandcock in St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Thursday morning, at 11 o'clock.

Representatives of Canadian Legion branches and of the Canadian Red Cross followed the cortege to Royal Oak, where the body was cremated. A large number of friends and associates attended the funeral.

W. Morton Paterson, president of Victoria and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross, represented that organization; the Provincial Division of the Red Cross was represented by Stew. G. Clark, and Miss Alice G. White, executive secretary, of Vancouver. Other members of the Red Cross present were: W. P. D. Pemberton, Maj. H. W. Walker, Lieut.-Col. R. S. Worsley.

J. Fox, president of the Pro Patria Branch Canadian Legion; Clement A. Gill, secretary; Lieut.-Col. W. N. Winsby, first vice-president; Albert Hull, past president; Robert Knight and William Douglas, secretary of the Saanich Peninsula Branch, were pallbearers. Capt. Wood was a former president of the Saanich Peninsula Branch, and a past president of the Pro Patria Branch.

Sir Richard and Lady Lake, Arthur Crease and Guy Benning, both of the Pro Patria Branch, were among the mourners.

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**Mrs. J. E. B. Dickson Dies
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Mrs. Belle H. Dickson, for many years a well-known resident of Victoria, died Thursday in Chilliwack, where she had gone to spend Christmas with her son, Capt. Blair Dickson.

She was the widow of J. E. B. Dickson, manager of P. Burns & Co., for several years prior to his death. The family home was on St. Patrick, but recently Mrs. Dickson had made her home at the Empress Hotel.

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Red Skelton Show At Atlas Friday

When he appeared in "Whistling in Dixie," "Rags" Ragland played a dual role. In his current cinema chore, M-G-M's "Whistling in Dixie," coming Friday midnight to Atlas Theatre, starring Red Skelton, with Ann Rutherford and Jean Rogers, "Rags" role has been cut in half. "Rags" is cast as Chester, a lion-hearted, middle-headed chauffeur who appoints himself the press agent of Red Skelton, again playing "The Fox," and involves the whole company in a series of hilarious adventures.

CADET THEATRE

"Never have so many owed so much to so few." Winston Churchill's famous phrase is given immortal meaning by the dramatic and factual story of Britain's fighter plane, told in "Spitfire," Samuel Goldwyn's presentation released by RKO Radio starring Leslie Howard and David Niven.

RIO THEATRE

Prized possession of Molly Lamont, leading lady of Republic's "A Gentle Gangster," currently appearing at the Rio Theatre, is a necklace made of rough gold nuggets mined by her grandfather in Johannesburg, Africa. She is currently appearing opposite Barton MacLane in Republic's "A Gentle Gangster."

ATLAS THEATRE

Bob Hope and Betty Hutton are teamed for the first time in Paramount's newest musical laugh film "Let's Face It," which is currently at the Atlas Theatre. This is a picturization of the Broadway stage hit by Dorothy Fields, Herbert Fields and Cole Porter. The movie retains a couple of the Cole Porter tunes from the "legitimate" version.

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GEORGE CHACHAVADZE, Russian pianist who will play at the Empress Hotel on Jan. 5 in a recital sponsored by the Victoria Musical Art Society.

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GORDON HEAD—Sat., Jan. 1, week-day service, with exception of 7:10 a.m. round trip.
GORGE-LAKE HILL—Sat., Jan. 1, Sunday service.
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C.C.F. Committees Continue Study Of Constitutional Issue

REGINA (CP) — Committees chosen from the 25 delegates attending the C.C.F. national conference here continued study today of possible constitutional amendments and financial readjustments necessary in the Dominion to bring full production, complete use of economic resources and employment.

The conference decided Thursday that continued expansion of economic productive activity in the Dominion after the war is necessary to provide a proper basis for increased social security measures and improved educational systems.

Increased financial assistance to each province from the Dominion government and adoption of the C.C.F. policy of "A greater expansion of public production assets within the province" were suggested as a solution to bring about increased social services.

Delegates were urged to face the limitations of any C.C.F. provincial government under existing financial and constitutional structures in the financing of greater social services, said Andrew Brewin, vice-president of the Ontario C.C.F. section and spokesman for the conference's press committee.

Other discussions included development of industrial and natural resources under C.C.F. policies of public ownership.

The conference was called to co-ordinate provincial C.C.F. policies and define them in relation to federal policies.

At the opening session Thursday, M. J. Coldwell, Dominion leader, forecast economic and social changes—ending in some form of totalitarian dictatorship in Canada if the C.C.F. failed to obtain reforms to which the party is pledged.

Prof. Frank Scott of Montreal, national chairman, said the C.C.F. idea of centralization is in principle the same as that on which the present British North America Act is built. It merely seeks to bring the constitution into line with existing social and economic facts, he added.

2,204 Sunny Hours For City in 1943

The sun shone down on Victoria for 2,204 hours during the year 1943, to give citizens 71 more hours of sunshine than normal—but not sufficient to set a new record—William Burton, superintendent of the Meteorological Observatory at Gonzales Hill, said today as he gave his weather report for 11 months of 1943.

"It has been an exceptionally dry year," Mr. Burton said as he picked out the January cold spell and the record low precipitation of November, as the year's weather highlights. (See page 5 for weather story.)

OAK BAY AND PLAZA THEATRES

Popular entertainers, Helen Young, Gene Williams and the Four Teens, are appearing with Johnny Long and his orchestra in "Hit the Ice," Universal's latest Abbott and Costello comedy, which is now at the Oak Bay and Plaza Theatres. Ginny Simms, famous screen and radio personality, heads a large supporting cast and sings four special songs in the action-filled funfilm. (Other Theatre Readers on Page 13.)



Count Carlo Sforza... "There is only one duty of all Italians today: war on Germany."

Count Sforza Writes of Crisis Facing Italy—King's Abdication Or Creation of Second Vichy

Rome, in his country after long exile in the U.S., Count Carlo Sforza, Italian anti-Fascist leader, is assisting in reconstruction and is believed likely to become the next Italian premier. In the following special article he tells why abdication of the king is the only solution for democratic unity in Italy.

By COUNT CARLO SFORZA

NAPLES. FASCISM has been like a cancer. It has been eliminated from the body of Italy, but hidden, hypothetical disease is taking its place in the invisible attempts of accomplices of Fascism who are trying to persuade Italians that the long and fatal tyranny of Mussolini and the criminal war against democratic nations have been normal historical episodes for which nobody is guilty and on which silence should be kept.

This attempt was made by way of the present king and the generals who ordered Italians not to fight the Germans last September. They want to create a new Vichy, an Italian edition of the Petain regime.

How would it be possible to create an enthusiastic atmosphere for war against Germany in Italy when an attempt is made to give even greater authority than in the past to a king who accepted so gladly to make war on Great Britain and the United States?

MUST FIGHT NAZIS

There is not a single responsible Italian who thinks that this is the moment to discuss the question of monarchy versus the republic. There is only one duty of all Italians today: war on Germany. But just as it is impossible to think of the French revolting against the Germans in the name of Petain, it is equally impossible to think that Italians may rally around the king who signed so many proclamations in favor of Germany.

When an immense majority of Italians ask for abdication by the present king, and when so many among them are in favor of a republic in the hand of Badoglio, the most reactionary monarchist (in Italy and abroad) should not forget that the formula of abdication, far from being revolutionary, is one of the most orthodox instruments of monarchical tradition. It is the best way available when a nation desires to keep alive a monarchy—for the time being, at least—while getting rid of a monarch who through crimes or perjuries or even only through disasters, is no longer possible as the head of a country.

Why then does King Victor Emmanuel so strongly object to an abdication of which his great-grandfather, King Charles Albert, gave an example in 1841, after the Austrian Empire defeated him at Novara?

BETRAYED DUTY

There is one and only one reason: The king—as I have said above—has become a symbol of certain generals who betrayed their duty last September when they deserted Italian troops which were ready to fight the Germans. An incipient conspiracy of Fascist and ex-Fascist officials and of guilty generals—all of whom hate Badoglio—tried to create an artificial atmosphere persuading the Italian nation that 20 years of Fascist tyrannical corruption and three years of war may be forgotten without



Count Carlo Sforza... "There is only one duty of all Italians today: war on Germany."

any sanction.

Abroad, a few misinformed groups seem to believe that acquiescence of the present king might mean elimination of political discussions, with the result that all Italians would unite in what is our supreme duty—war against the Germans. But this is not so because Italians have suffered too much from the war which was imposed on them by Mussolini and which the sovereign ratified although many Italians warned him against it.

Warned by two Italian generals that war had been decided upon, I wrote a letter to the king on May 30, 1940, telling him all the reasons why Great Britain would resist heroically, and that in the long run the United States would join in the struggle against the totalitarian regimes. "I know the United States," I added, "America will astonish the world with the most gigantic military effort ever seen. If you give your name to this mad war you will ruin Italy. And what perhaps interests you even more, you will destroy the old historical links between the Italian nation and your house."

PAID NO ATTENTION

Unfortunately, for him, but even more unfortunately for Italy, the king did not give attention to the warnings of Italians who wanted to save him from the most tragic of his errors. Successively he signed, without hesitation, declarations of war against France, which had already been defeated; against Great Britain; against the United States, where 5,000,000 good American citizens are of Italian origin; against Yugoslavia and Greece, which had been among Italy's best clients in oriental Europe.

What is most strange is that some badly-informed conservatives abroad think that abdication by the present king might mean the loss of a bulwark of social conservatism. On the contrary, the status quo may only create new adepts to the cause of communism. It has happened frequently in the history of Europe that certain blind and ungenerous conservatives are the best promoters of revolution.

FREDERICK, Md. (AP)—Charles Keller, New York Yankee outfielder, said Thursday he expected to report to the St. Petersburg, Fla., training station Jan. 20 to assume the duties of an ensign in the United States maritime service.

Steam Pipe Bursts In Train; Kills Man

OTTAWA (CP) — Two railroaders, A. Valliere, 30, of L'Amogues, Que., and M. S. Cybulski, 30, of Barry's Bay, Ont., were in hospital here today in "quite serious condition," following the bursting of a steam pipe in a C.N.R. freight engine, near Alexandria, Ont., which fatally injured T. C. Reasbeck, 54, Ottawa, the engineer.

Cybulski, fireman, and Valliere, brakeman, suffered scalds on the hands, face and ankles when the pipe exploded, and Cybulski also suffered a deep scalp wound.

Live steam flooded into the cab of the locomotive as the train was pulling 55 cars up a grade near Alexandria, about 55 miles east of Ottawa. Reasbeck was thrown through the cab window by the explosion. The train, which continued to roll forward after the explosion, finally was stopped about three-quarters of a mile east of the point where Reasbeck was found.

Crewmen put out flares to stop the fast C.N.R. Transcontinental No. 1 Train from Montreal, which was following the freight. The Transcontinental was halted at Alexandria, however, and later pushed the freight into Greenfield, Ont., and took the injured men aboard.

It was at first believed the freight engine's boiler had exploded, but later it was found the steam pipe had burst.

Says B.C.'s Future Lies In Industries

The future of British Columbia, Dr. James F. Walker, deputy minister of mines, told the Rotary Club, Thursday, lies in better utilization of raw materials and in industrial development.

Speaking on "Impressions of British Columbia's Natural Resources," Dr. Walker said the province had not a tremendous amount of arable land, and said that while some had the impression logged-off areas had been ruined, reforestation was taking place.

He said water power could be developed in B.C. to compete with any plant in the world, not excepting Sweden, but industries, he added, to use this power must be lined up before such development could be undertaken.

Dealing with minerals, he mentioned specifically the gold fields of the north which would be opened up by air transportation, and the great oil fields in the areas south of the Peace and Liard Rivers.

"Scenery is a big asset, but tourism should not be the only asset," he said.

"We have been using, or exploiting, the natural resources for a long time," he said, "but you cannot establish an industry without a market."

Washington Senators Looking for Catcher

WASHINGTON (AP) — The army may call his knuckleball catching catcher, Jake Early, but owner Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators is not hanging up the "for-sale-or-trade" sign on any of his three star knuckleball hurlers.

"I'm worrying about finding someone to catch those boys," Griffith said Thursday, referring to pitchers Dutch Leonard, "Silent John" Niggeling and Roger Wolf, who comes to the Senators in the Buck Newson deal with the Philadelphia Athletics. "Some catchers can handle knuckleballers," Griffith said.

"You've got to be ready for the ball to break in any direction when a knuckler is on the mound, have quick reflexes, shift quickly on your feet and work hard."



Robert Wood, 18, son of Mrs. S. F. Wood, 2137 Central Avenue, senior cadet and one of the five cadet captains now studying at Royal Canadian Naval College for navy careers. Wood was born in India, lived there seven years, was in England up to the end of 1940, making his home in Dover. He vividly remembers the Nazi aerial and heavy-gun cross-channel blitz at Dover. He later resided in Charlottetown, P.E.I., moving to Victoria last year. While in Prince Edward Island, Wood took a course in deep-sea diving.

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Latest contributors include: Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Livingstone, \$200; Women's Benefit Association, \$15; Mrs. L. M. Woodey, \$5; Rev. A. O. Paterson, \$20; Mrs. Thompson Kirby, \$10.



NOTICE: PRIVATE BILLS

Notice is hereby given that the time limited by the Standing Orders of the House for receiving Petitions will expire on Thursday, the 10th day of February, 1944. Private Bills must be presented to the House on or before Tuesday, the 22nd day of February, 1944. Reports from Standing or Subject Committees on Private Bills must be received on or before Tuesday, the 29th day of February, 1944.

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CAPITOL — Roddy McDowall in "Lassie Come Home."

DOMINION — "True to Life," starring Mary Martin and Dick Powell.

PLAZA-OAK BAY — Abbott and Costello in "Hit the Ice."

RIO — "A Gentle Gangster," starring Barton MacLane.

YORK — Glenn Ford and Bernard Nodell in "The Deperadoes."

Princess O'Rourke Comes to Dominion

Jack Carson is convinced that, from a therapeutic standpoint, "Princess O'Rourke" is the best picture he has ever worked in. The new Warner Bros. film is the midnight show at the Dominion Theatre tonight.

Few actors struggle more diligently than Jack to avoid obesity. Under the supervision of Mushy Callahan, Carson, who now tips the scale at an even 200 pounds, has taken strenuous workouts daily for a long time.

The net result has been the loss of 10 pounds, but there have also been aching muscles and strained ligaments.

During filming of a scene in a steam room for "Princess O'Rourke" at Warner Bros., seven more pounds dripped off Carson, and he didn't need to twitch a muscle.

4 Top Stars Play In 'True to Life'

The Porters are coming, hurry, hurry! They're on their way to the Dominion Theatre in Paramount's riotous comedy-musical, "True to Life," starring Mary Martin, Franchot Tone, Dick Powell and Victor Moore. The picture, which tells the story of how the Porter family rises from obscurity to fame, is showing today, and, according to reports, it is one of the merriest, happiest pictures made in a long time.

Tone and Powell are seen as two high-salaried radio writers whose bosses are displeased with their material. Powell goes in search of inspiration, meets Mary Martin in a Long Island diner and lets her think he is down and out. Her family takes him in and he proceeds to put them on the air, unknown to them.

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Jane Farrar, red-haired beauty, featured in Universal's "Phantom of the Opera," was formerly a noted photographers' model in New York, where she posed for a series of portraits used in the national advertisements of a famous perfume manufacturer.

In "Phantom of the Opera," Miss Farrar appears with co-stars Nelson Eddy, Susanna Foster and Claude Rains. The technicolor thrill classic is being shown Friday at the Plaza Theatre as midnight show. Arthur Lubin directed and the producer was George Waggner.

YORK THEATRE

Porter Hall appears as one of Claire Trevor's suitors in Columbia's new technicolor western, "The Deperadoes," now at the York Theatre with Randolph Scott, Glenn Ford, Evelyn Keyes and Edgar Buchanan also featured. In their last picture together, "Dark Command," Hall appeared as Miss Trevor's father!

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Rumors Say Princess Elizabeth To Be Married Soon After War

By MARGARET ECKER
LONDON (CP)—Will Princess Elizabeth become engaged when she reaches her 18th birthday next April?

London buzzes with rumors that a consort has been chosen for the elder daughter of the King and Queen and London society is preening itself for a marriage that might be its first spectacular pageant after the war.

The story, which appeared in several London papers, quotes a New York publication as its source.

Charles Manners, 10th Duke of Rutland, and Hugh Fitzroy, Earl of Euston, are named as among those from whom the Royal husband will be chosen.

Sir Eric Melville, assistant private secretary to the King, said he was not prepared to comment on the rumor. The relatives of the 24-year-old Earl and Duke,

who are brother officers in the Grenadier Guards, deny any knowledge of the romance.

Both young men have been invited frequently to Sunday afternoon tea parties, small evening parties and informal dances given by the Royal parents for their daughter. Lord Euston has been away from England for two months in India, where he serves Viscount Wavel, Viceroy of India, as aide-de-camp.

His father, the 10th Duke of Grafton, which title the Earl will inherit, said he knew nothing of any romance in the air before his son left England.

Both young men are handsome, dashing and military. They both have glamorous family backgrounds that fit into the storybook picture that Princess Elizabeth's life has been.

The Earl, like the Duke, was educated at Eton and Cambridge.

Club Calendar

Canadian Daughters' League, Shrine Hall, Thursday, 8.

St. Saviour's Senior W.A., Monday, 2.30, Guild Room.

W.A. to R.C.N., knitting meeting, Tuesday, 2, Y.W.C.A.

St. George's Mission Ladies' Guild, Monday, 2.30. Bazaar plans will be made.

St. Alban's W.A. Wednesday, 2.30, Parish Hall. Annual meeting.

Florence Nightingale Chapter, I.O.D.E., Monday, 2, headquarters.

Victoria Purple Star, L.O.B.A., Wednesday, 7.30, Orange Hall. Cards will be played.

Junior W.A. to Royal Jubilee Hospital, Monday, 2.30, Nurses' Home.

Carna Rebekah Lodge, Thursday, 7.30, I.O.O.F. Hall. Installation of officers.

Britannia Lodge, L.O.B.A. social meeting, Orange Hall, Tuesday, 7.30. Court whist.

W.A. to Pro Patria Branch, Canadian Legion, Monday, 8, Hard-of-Hearing Hall. Election of officers.

St. Martin's-in-the-Fields W.A., Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. A. Sangster, 541 Obed A. Ave.

Red Cross Notes

Cadboro Bay—Will meet Thursday at 2, at the home of Mrs. Carter, Cadboro Bay Road. Winning numbers of the silverware donated by Mr. Richardson are 76, 61, 56, 78, 80.

Y.P.S. Activities

Metropolitan—A New Year's social will be held Tuesday at 8, at the church.

QU ALEX GIRLS MEET

Miss Kitty Cameron was welcomed as a guest to the last meeting of the Qu Alex Girls' Club, Mrs. M. Smith presiding. Mrs. C. Yeatman reported on the gifts sent to the Solarium. After business, gifts were distributed, and games and a sing-song enjoyed. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Payne, 1222 Vista Heights, Jan. 25, the victory box to be donated by Mrs. Smith.

Dorothy Dix

SNAP OUT OF DEPRESSION

Dear Miss Dix: What is your opinion of a father who bears a grudge against his child whose mother died when he was born? Does the fact that the father was terribly hurt when she passed away justify his feeling towards his child?

The father is not actually actively unkind to the boy. He doesn't beat him or abuse him or anything like that. He just never shows him the slightest affection; never has him with him if he can possibly avoid it, and makes the child feel that he blames him in some way for the mother's death and that he just can't bear to be with him. The boy, who is now of school age, is a very sensitive little fellow, and he feels his father's attitude keenly. He has the saddest face you ever saw. Nothing gay and boyish about him.

ONE WHO CARES.

Being a man of intelligence, it is incomprehensible that the father does not see the situation in its true light—that the boy was in no way responsible for his mother dying when he was born, that only he who holds life and death in his hands knows why such tragedies happen, but the fact that the child was left motherless doubles the father's responsibility to him and he has no right to shrink it.

Also, the father must know that if it is possible for the dead to know what is happening in this world that he is dimming the glory of Heaven itself for his wife by the way he is treating the boy. She could not rest in peace if she saw the face of her little sad, neglected, doubly orphaned child.

It is pitiful that the father cannot bring himself to see that the cure for his grief lies in his giving to his little son all the love of which he is capable, in making him a friend and companion, and in finding a renewed interest in life in watching and developing the boy's mind and character and making him the sort of man his mother would have wished him to be.

No hands have the healing for a hurt heart that a little child's have.

Langford Legion

The W.A. Prince Edward Branch Canadian Legion, Langford, will hold its monthly meeting in the Legion Hall on Tuesday at 8.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I kept my resolutions to give up golf and fishing during 1943—now I'm looking over you hills to find out where the money we saved went!"

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Fresh Water Freezes More Easily Than Sea Water

Ice will float on water, and this is proof that it is lighter than water. When a block of ice is floating in fresh water, about 9 per cent of the ice will be above the surface.

The story is a little different in the case of an iceberg floating in the ocean. About 12 per cent of the iceberg will be above the surface. This is due to the fact that salt water is heavier than fresh water. The iceberg itself is made of fresh water which has been frozen on land before slipping into the sea.

Toy Plane Explodes, Injures 3 Youths

WINNIPEG (CP)—Three Winnipeg youths were seriously injured Thursday night in a chemical explosion while experimenting with rocket-propelled model airplanes in a backyard laboratory.

One of the lads, Donald Browne Wilkinson, 17, lost his right hand at the wrist, while another Roland Kroiter, 17, lost a finger on his left hand.

Ralph Bristow, 17, the third member of the group, suffered severe body bruises.

Walker Urges Care For Imperial Veterans

CALGARY (CP)—The urgent need for a reciprocal agreement between Canada and the British government for the proper care of Imperial veterans in Canada was stressed by Alex Walker, Dominion president of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

"I do not see why an Imperial veteran in Canada should be looked upon as other than a veteran," declared Mr. Walker. "It does not matter with which nation of the Commonwealth he served so long as he served his King and country."

Garrett Pier Dies

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Garrett C. Pier, 68, prominent archaeologist and Egyptologist, died here Thursday. Pier was a former curator of decorative arts for the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Today's Crossword Puzzle



(Answer to previous puzzle)

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Teen Canteen Needs Larger Quarters

An effort will be made to secure additional quarters to accommodate the increasing attendance at the Teen Canteen, it was decided at a meeting of this committee sponsored by the Council of Social Agencies.

A report by Mrs. Helen Simpson of the Y.M.C.A. So-Ed group showed 157 present at the first recreation evening and 175 present at the second.

Next recreation evening will be held Jan. 8, when it is hoped that two centres will be in operation.

The council secretary reported that the request for a grant from the City Council had been referred to the parks committee, to whom a report of the first two evenings had been given. Additional personnel to assist the committee will be secured from the Parent-Teacher Association, the Y.M.C.A. So-Ed group and the girls' work department of the Y.W.C.A.

Clubwomen

Primrose Lodge, Daughters of England, met Thursday, Mrs. M. Melville presiding. A party followed the meeting, convened by Mrs. Biss, den and committee. Drill practice will be Jan. 10, at 2.

Welfare group of Langford Women's Institute will start quilt making Jan. 20, it was decided at the last meeting. Mrs. V. Franklin presiding. A letter from Public Works Engineer O. T. Gallagher said Dunford road would be improved, but at present funds were not available for a path from the station to Langford Lake. Officers will be elected Jan. 25. Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. D. B. F. Bullen and Mrs. F. J. Smith.

ANNUAL PARTY

Annual party of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church will be held Jan. 7. Supper will be served to the children at 6 and the entertainment will begin at 7.30.

Esquire Denied Mail Privileges

WASHINGTON (AP)—Esquire magazine, whose Varga girl drawings and other material offended the U.S. Post Office Department's sense of modesty, has been ordered deprived of its second-class mailing privileges.

Without ruling directly on whether the magazine is obscene, a question much debated during lengthy hearings, Postmaster General Frank C. Walker ordered the mailing privileges revoked effective Feb. 28.

The action was taken on the grounds the magazine fails to meet the requirements of being "originated and published for the dissemination of information of a public character or devoted to literature, the sciences, arts, or some special industry."

In Chicago, David Smart, publisher of Esquire, said the ruling "leaves me speechless. We'll take it immediately to federal court."

During the long hearings, Post Office Department attorneys

Al Smith 70

NEW YORK (AP)—Former Gov. Alfred E. Smith, 70 years old Thursday, received a special Apostolic benediction from Pope Pius and congratulations from President Roosevelt and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

The benediction, conveyed to the 1928 Democratic presidential nominee by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, was imparted in a letter written by Archbishop Amleto C. Cicognani, Apostolic delegate to the United States.

The letter said the Pontiff, appreciative of Smith's "outstanding example of Catholicity," wished the benediction to be shared by Mrs. Smith and all members of his family.

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